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## Announcing New Principal at Irvington, Gary Gregoricka

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Dear Irvington Community,

I am pleased to announce that Gary Gregoricka, an experienced educational leader, will be the new principal at Irvington Elementary School starting July 1.

Gary succeeds Dr. Van Truong, who has served as principal – first on a substitute, then interim basis – since April 2021. We are grateful to Dr. Truong for her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and return to in-person learning.

Gary comes to Irvington from Faubion PK-8 School, where he served as one of the school's leaders during the move into a freshly rebuilt campus. He worked with the administrative team to develop new systems and traditions for an existing and expanding student body. He built professional development opportunities for teachers.

Before joining Portland Public Schools, Gary served as an instructional coach at Propel Schools, a federation of charter schools for underserved communities in Pittsburgh, Pa. He oversaw reading and math instruction for K-8 schools.

Gary also served as a director for Teach for America, an institute of the University of Tulsa that helps recruit and develop beginning teachers at more than 30 college campuses across the country. He has also served as a teacher, focused on reading growth and math.

Gary earned a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from Yale University, and a Master of Science in Education Administration from Duquesne University. He is learning both Spanish and French, and has some fluency in Russian.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Gregoricka to Irvington.

**Dr. Cheryl Proctor**

**Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities**



Gary Gregoricka

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