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## Announcing new principal at Grant, James McGee

**April 2020**

Dear Grant Community,

I am pleased to announce that James McGee will be the new principal of Grant High School starting in the 2020-21 school year. James is a skilled, motivated leader who is dedicated to meeting every student's educational and developmental needs.

James will succeed Carol Campbell, who is retiring after seven years as Grant principal and almost four decades serving as an educator. Carol's leadership was instrumental as Grant relocated to the Marshall campus for two years, and moved back into the modernized campus this school year. We thank her for her dedication and service, and wish her all the best.



*James McGee*

James is currently serving at Lincoln High School, where he started as a school counselor in 2014 before becoming a vice principal in 2018. During his time at Lincoln, he has earned a reputation for connecting with students and prioritizing their needs. He advises Lincoln's Black Student Union, created the school's Brothers of Color affinity group and leads the AVID team. He is known for closely collaborating with teachers and community partners in an effort to help students reach their full potential.

Lincoln principal Peyton Chapman credits James for helping Lincoln enjoy a steady rise in graduation rates, especially for students of color. Last year, 100% of Lincoln's African American students graduated in four years.

James brings more than 20 years of working with students and at-risk youth to Grant. Before moving into education, James held positions with organizations that support youth, including New Portland House of Umoja and Friends of the Children, which serve at-risk youth and students of color, and Young Minds of Awareness, which serves developmentally disabled students.

James earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Science, with a certificate in Black Studies, from Portland State University; a Master of Arts in School Counseling from George Fox University; and a Preliminary Administrative License Certificate from Concordia University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal McGee to Grant High School.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.  
Chief of Schools

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