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## Announcing New Principal at Creative Science, Kristy Mize

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Dear Creative Science Community,

I am pleased to announce that Kristy Mize, an accomplished educational leader, will be the next principal at Creative Science School.

Kristy succeeds Meisha Plotzke, who served as Creative Science principal since 2017 before moving to the central office to take on the newly-created role of Director of Middle School Innovation and Redesign. We are grateful to Andrew Dauch, who stepped in as acting principal to finish the 2020-21 school year.

Kristy comes to Creative Science from another Southeast Portland campus, Cleveland High School, where she served as vice principal. In that role, she co-created an equity team, made up of parents, students and staff, to address inequities at the school. She also supported a team of staff and community members in the integration of multi-tiered systems of support for attendance that resulted in Cleveland having a significant decrease in chronic absenteeism prior to the onset of the pandemic.

In addition to her duties at Cleveland, Kristy served as principal and AVID director of the Insight School of Oregon Painted Hills where she developed interventions that decreased chronic absenteeism and reduced the dropout rate by more than 50%. She previously worked as an instructional coach in Oregon's Hillsboro and Salem-Keizer school districts after starting her career as a teacher in California, where she taught English and English as a second language, and received training in constructivist learning and literacy interventions.

Kristy earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Davis; a Master of Arts in English from National University; and an Administrator Certification from Concordia University. She is completing a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Lewis & Clark College.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Mize to Creative Science.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.  
Chief of Schools



*Kristy Mize*

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