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Announcing new principal at Cleveland, Leo Lawyer

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Dear Cleveland Community,

I am pleased to announce that Leo Daniel Lawyer has accepted our offer to become the new principal at Cleveland High School. Leo is a veteran educator who will bring dedication, experience and vision to Cleveland.

He replaces Ayesha Freeman, who served as Cleveland principal for two years. We thank Ayesha for her dedication and hard work.

Leo comes to Cleveland from Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School, where he has served as principal since 2012. Under Leo's guidance, Neah-Kah-Nie achieved an exceptional schools rating from the Oregon Department of Education every year since 2013 and was ranked No. 22 among middle schools in Oregon by the Portland Business Journal in 2017. Leo served as the building coordinator for Technology Rich Classrooms, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Talented and Gifted, and Special Education. He was the liaison with parent groups, and the Lions, Kiwanis and booster clubs.

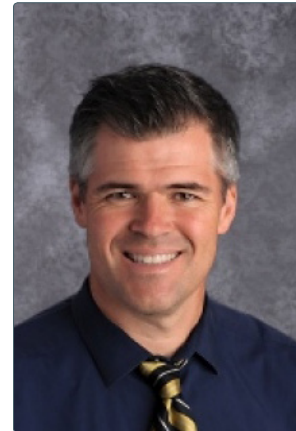
In addition to his principal duties, Leo served as Athletic/Activity Director for the Neah-Kah-Nie School District since 2010, starting when he was vice principal at Neah-Kah-Nie High School. He also served on a program request funding committee at a youth foundation.

Leo started his education career as a teacher at Optimist High School in Los Angeles, teaching English, social studies and driver's education to incarcerated students. From 2002 to 2010, he taught English at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, where he led efforts to align the English curriculum from middle school into high school and developed a Writer's Guide that is used in all Gresham-Barlow School District schools.

Leo is a graduate of Portland State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Science in School Administration.

We will introduce Leo to the community at a meet-and-greet on Wednesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cleveland library. Please join us in welcoming Principal Lawyer to Cleveland High School.

Joe LaFountaine
Area Assistant Superintendent



Leo Lawyer

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