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Announcing New Director of Middle School Innovation and Redesign, Meisha Plotzke

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Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to announce that Meisha Plotzke will fill a key, newly created position as Director of Middle School Innovation and Redesign.

The role, in the Office of Teaching & Learning, will collaboratively lead the PPS Middle School Redesign Project as we continue the district's transition to a model of comprehensive middle schools. Meisha's deep experience with interdisciplinary and project-based learning, her successful track record as a K-8 educator and administrator, her aptitude and enthusiasm for professional development, and her history of partnering with educators and families for learning improvements, all make her a terrific fit for this new and important role. Meisha will facilitate a multi-year effort to reimagine the experience for middle school students--especially our Black, Indigenous and Students of Color--to thrive and achieve the Graduate Portrait, and propel them toward success.



Meisha Plotzke

Meisha begins her new role after serving as principal at Creative Science School, where she has served as principal since 2017, and before that, as assistant principal. Andrew Dauch, who has been Meisha's assistant principal, will serve as acting principal at CSS to complete the school year.

Before joining PPS, Meisha served as both a teacher and an equity & instructional coach in the North Clackamas School District. She earned a Bachelor of Science, in Science and General, and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Portland State University.

I have great confidence in Meisha's ability to manage the complexities and innovation of the role and to lead our efforts in creating an exemplary, engaging, exciting middle grades program that will best support and serve our students in their journey to the Graduate Portrait.

Please join me in congratulating Meisha for her new role.

Dr. Luis Valentino
Chief Academic Officer

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