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Announcing the New Principal of Abernethy Elementary School, Melissa Dunn

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Dear Abernethy Community:

I am pleased to announce that Melissa Dunn will be transitioning from the role of interim principal to principal at Abernethy Elementary School for the upcoming school year.

During her time as interim principal, Melissa has overseen a beneficial shift in Abernethy's school culture, focusing on behavior management, diversity and inclusion, and instructional leadership. Prior to coming to Abernethy, she worked as a Teacher on Special Assignment with PPS's Talented and Gifted program and served as interim principal at Markham Elementary School.



Melissa Dunn

Melissa's experience also includes supporting and advocating for International Baccalaureate programs across PPS and a great deal of time in the classroom. She spent 11 years as a fifth grade teacher, first in the Reynolds School District and then at Skyline Elementary.

Principal Dunn earned a bachelor's degree in humanities with an emphasis in multi-cultural studies from Dominican University of California and a master's degree in leadership from Concordia University.

Please join me in congratulating Melissa Dunn on being named permanent principal of Abernethy Elementary.

Cordially,

Dr. Jon Franco,
Chief of Schools

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