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# Announcing permanent principal at DART, Michael Conn

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Dear DART Community,

I am pleased to announce that Michael Conn will be the permanent principal of the Portland DART School.

As you know, Michael served as interim principal during the 2019-20 school year after Mark Van Hoomissen assumed his new position as principal at Metropolitan Learning Center. Michael showed that he has the knowledge and experience to ensure that DART students receive the support and instruction they need.



*Michael Conn*

Michael is a strong leader who is trained in collaborative problem solving and trauma informed care. He is able to collaborate with all partners and is responsive to student and family needs.

Michael has 12 years of administrative experience that prepared him to lead DART. He has held several roles in Portland Public Schools, including Program Administrator for all K-12 behavior classrooms, vice principal/principal at Pioneer Youngsen and most recently, Assistant Director of Special Education.

He also has served in the Willamette Education Service District, as a program administrator and principal at Hillcrest and Maclaren; and as a principal and student services program administrator in the Reynolds School District.

Michael earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Special Education from the University of Oregon, and his Administrative Licensure from George Fox University.

Please join me in congratulating Principal Conn.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.  
Chief of Schools

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