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## Announcing new principal at Laurelhurst, Olgamar Amor

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Dear Laurelhurst Community,

I am pleased to announce that Olgamar Amor will be the new principal at Laurelhurst K-8 School. Olgamar is a veteran educator and a bilingual professional with a deep interest in students' cognitive, social and emotional growth.

Olgamar will succeed Vanessa Martinez, who served as Laurelhurst principal the past two years and has moved into the district office as a teacher on special assignment. We want to extend deep thanks to Interim Principal Paul Coakley, who came out of retirement to support Laurelhurst students, staff, and families for the first three months of school.

Olgamar comes to us from Saint Thomas More School in Wisconsin, an EC-8th grade school with an enrollment that includes 89% students of color. In four years as principal, Olgamar cultivated open and active communication between the school and school community, utilizing every available tool, ensured that the school complied with the Protecting Our Children program, implemented a Spanish Immersion Program, and a Middle School Personalized Learning Program.

Before joining Saint Thomas More, Olgamar worked as a bilingual teacher and instructional leader in various public school districts in Wisconsin, including nine years in Green Bay Area Public Schools, as a Bilingual Teacher, Program Support Teacher, Instructional Coach, and Title 1 migrant recruiter, and two years as a Teacher Leader in the Early Childhood Department and in the Office of Multilingual and Global Education in Madison Metropolitan School District. She has a wealth of experience working with low-income students with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Before her career in education, Olgamar was a dentist, then owned and operated an import-export business in Mexico City. She speaks fluent Spanish and some French. Olgamar earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Universidad Intercontinental; a Bachelor of Science in Education from Silver Lake College; and a Master of Science in Education and Educational Administration from Concordia University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Amor to Laurelhurst.

Esther Omogbehin, Ed.D.  
Regional Superintendent



*Olgamar Amor*

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