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Announcing new Director of Mathematics for STEAM, Patrice Woods

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce Patrice Woods as the new Portland Public Schools Director of Mathematics in the Department of STEAM Education. She will take the lead for the continued work around transforming mathematics teaching and learning to best meet the needs for our students in grades K-12.

Patrice was born and raised in Portland and is a product of PPS. She attended Irvington, Sabin, Beaumont and graduated from Benson, where she was also Rose Festival Princess her senior year. She has two children, one a recent Benson graduate and the other entering grade 11 at Benson.

She comes to PPS via Vancouver Public Schools where she served as Associate Principal at Truman Elementary during the 2016-17 school year and Associate Principal/Athletic Director at Hudson's Bay High School from 2017 to 2019. Prior to her work in Vancouver, she was a Senior Advisor for Systems Improvement at Education Northwest.

Before returning to Portland in 2015, she taught middle and high school mathematics in Tennessee and the state of Washington. She also served as a secondary TOSA in Federal Way Public Schools (WA) and a Program Manager for K-12 Mathematics for Student and School Success at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, also in Washington.

Patrice earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Administrator certification from the University of Washington, a Master of Science in Physical Education with a Sport Administration emphasis from Seattle Pacific University, and an Education Specialist degree in Secondary Education from Austin Peay State University.

In her new role, Patrice will work within the Department of STEAM Education Office and with colleagues in the Office of Teaching and Learning. She will manage and provide ongoing, job-embedded support for teachers and school leaders around sustaining implementation of the guaranteed and viable mathematics curriculum through a focus on equity and culturally responsive pedagogy. She will report to Sarah Davis, Senior Director of STEAM.

Please join me in welcoming her to Portland Public Schools.

Luis Valentino
Chief Academic Officer



Patrice Woods

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