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Announcing new Programs Manager for Climate Change and Climate Justice, Nichole Berg

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Dear Colleagues,

The STEAM Department is excited to announce that Nichole Berg will join the team as the Climate Change and Climate Justice Programs Manager. A bilingual educator and leader from Madison, Wisconsin, Nichole brings a depth of curriculum development and leadership talent to PPS.

In her new role, Nichole will facilitate creating curriculum to embed this important topic into K-12 Science and Social Studies instructional units and will help coordinate the inclusion of student and community voices into the process.

She also will collaborate with the Office of Partnerships and Engagement to support students as they facilitate quarterly meetings of a diverse and student-led Climate Justice advocacy group.

Nichole, a third-generation Mexican-American, is driven by a passion for bringing the world to her students and has used a variety of grant-funded travel experiences to fuel that effort. She has traveled to Antarctica to learn about the impact of climate change on the region and world; to the Badlands of South Dakota to learn about the Ancestral Puebloans of Mesa Verde; and to Southern Mexico to learn about the Olmec and Mayan civilizations. She brought these experiences to life for students in the Madison Metropolitan School District, where she most recently served as an assistant principal.

Nichole earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Literature and Culture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master of Arts in Bilingual Education from Edgewood College, and she holds multiple professional licenses.

We would like to thank the Climate Justice Committee and student advocates for their partnership in helping create what we believe is the first position of its kind in any school district in the United States, supporting Climate Change and Climate Justice education.

Please join me in welcoming her to Portland Public Schools.

Luis Valentino
Chief Academic Officer



Nichole Berg

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