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## Announcing new Regional Superintendent, Esther Omogbehin

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Esther Omogbehin has accepted our offer to join Portland Public Schools as a Regional Superintendent. Dr. Omogbehin has a long history of utilizing her leadership skills to create an environment that prioritizes the needs of all students and the health of the communities she serves.

Dr. Omogbehin will lead the Cleveland-Wilson-Franklin-Grant K-8 cohort, which is made up of 40 K-5, K-8 and middle schools, and support Area Senior Directors Kristie Lindholm, Corey Seymour and Kristyn Westphal with their support of these schools. Dr. Omogbehin completes our Regional Superintendent team that includes Dr. Keeley Simpson (Jefferson-Madison-Lincoln-Roosevelt cohort) and Joe LaFontaine (high schools and Multiple Pathways to Graduation).



*Esther Omogbehin*

We are thrilled to have a team of this caliber in place as the new school year gets underway. These leaders will play an integral role in the reorganization of the central office to focus resources and attention more directly on school communities, principals and service to students as we work to dramatically accelerate and improve student achievement throughout the district.

Dr. Omogbehin comes to us from the Roosevelt School District in Phoenix, Ariz., where she served as Chief Academic Officer. In that role, she created a district academic profile, overhauled the instructional program and conducted a needs assessment by visiting every district school.

Before moving to Phoenix, Dr. Omogbehin worked in the Houston Independent School District, first as a School Support Officer, then as Chief School Officer overseeing 47 schools. She also worked in San Diego Unified School District for 22 years, as a teacher, staff developer, literacy administrator, vice principal and principal at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Dr. Omogbehin earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in English Language from the University of Ilorin in Nigeria; a Master of Arts in Multicultural Education from the United States International University in San Diego; and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Omogbehin to Portland Public Schools.

Kregg Cuellar

Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities

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