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Announcing Interim Principal at Jefferson, Ricky Allen

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Dear Jefferson Community,

I am pleased to announce that Ricky Allen, an educator with deep roots in the community, will serve as interim principal at Jefferson High School-Middle College for Advanced Studies for the rest of the 2020-21 school year.

He will step into the role as Margaret Calvert moves into her new position as Portland Public Schools' Regional Superintendent for High Schools and Multiple Pathways to Graduation. Margaret, as you know, has been at Jefferson since 2008, and has been principal since 2011. We are working to have her permanent replacement in place to start the 2021-22 school year.

Ricky, of course, is a familiar face to you, having served as vice principal at Jefferson since 2008. Working hand-in-hand with Margaret, Ricky has led Jefferson's alternative programs, counseling, curriculum and instruction, professional development, building safety, athletics and the Young Men's Academy.

Ricky's education career dates to 1980, when he served as a health/PE and math teacher and coach at Jefferson and Whitaker Middle School. He then served as a founding member of Self Enhancement Inc. and as an executive at the Jim Parsley Center before returning to a campus setting, first as a leader in the Vancouver School District, then as assistant principal at Reynolds High School.

Ricky earned a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from the College of Idaho, and a Master of Education and Principal Certification from City University.

Please join me in congratulating Ricky on his new role.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief of Schools



Ricky Allen

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