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Announcing new principal at César Chávez, Risa Muñoz

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Dear César Chávez Community,

I am pleased to announce that Risa Muñoz will be the new principal at César Chávez K-8 School. Risa is a familiar face to most of you, having served as assistant principal at César Chávez the last two years.

She will succeed TJ Fuller, who served as César Chávez principal since 2017. We thank TJ for his service and dedication.

Risa's familiarity with César Chávez's community, culture, systems and students will allow us to maintain continuity as we head into 2019-20. She is a detail-oriented leader who focuses on students and achievement and is committed to maintaining trust and transparency.

During her two years at César Chávez, Risa coordinated the school's Talented & Gifted and Title IX programs, and implemented common proficiency-based grading for the middle school grades. She is a bilingual educator with a background in teaching in a Dual Language Immersion Spanish program and as an English Language Learner teacher for Spanish-speaking students.

Risa started her education career as a teacher in Minnesota before joining Portland Public Schools in 2014. She taught concurrently at Rigler Elementary School and at the Summer and Evening Scholars program. She consistently raised the literacy scores of historically-underserved students.

Risa earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Oregon and Master of Education in Second Languages and Cultures from the University of Minnesota. She also has a STEM certificate from St. Catherine University and an Initial Administrator License from Portland State University.

Please join me in congratulating Risa on becoming Principal Muñoz.

Keeley Simpson, Ed.D.
Regional Superintendent



Risa Muñoz

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