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Announcing new principal at Kelly, Sarah Fish

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Dear Kelly Community,

I am pleased to announce that Sarah Fish, a veteran administrator and educator, will be the new principal at Kelly Elementary School.

Sarah succeeds Amy Whitney, who served as Kelly principal for five years. We wish Amy all the best in her new position as principal at George Middle School.

Sarah is a dedicated instructional leader who seeks to positively impact students' lives and support development of educators. She has been serving as an assistant director in Portland Public Schools' Office of Teaching and Learning the last two years. In that role, she worked with central office and school leaders to create a system of professional learning and leadership.



Sarah Fish

Sarah started her career as a teacher, with an emphasis on special education at an elementary school in Dumfries, Virginia, then focused on reading and writing at a K-5 school in Tampa, Florida. She demonstrated competencies in a variety of areas, including achievement focus, visionary leadership, adaptability, problem solving, analytical skills, diversity commitment, relationship building, communications, conflict resolution, and safety and security. In 2018, Sarah served as an assistant principal at a K-5 school in Florida's Hillsborough County Public Schools.

She also served as a peer evaluator and virtual community organizer for Hillsborough, leading the district's utilization of the Charlotte Danielson Framework, a professional system that identifies teachers' responsibilities based on empirical studies.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville; a Master of Education in Early Childhood Special Education from George Mason University; and an Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Virginia, Falls Church.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Fish to Kelly.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief of Schools

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