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# Announcing Mt. Tabor's new principal Sean Keating

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Dear Mt. Tabor Community,

I am pleased to announce that Sean Keating will be the new principal of Mt. Tabor Middle School. Sean comes to PPS from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, where he has been an assistant principal at West Linn High School since 2015.

Sean is an equity-focused educator, working closely with students of color and first-time college-bound students throughout his career. Before administration, Sean taught AVID and all levels of high school English in Napa, California, a predominately Latino community. Sean saw his AVID students graduate and commit to two- and four-year colleges, all the first in their families to attend college.

As an assistant principal in Vacaville, California, Sean led the transition of an English Learner program that greatly increased the community involvement of Spanish-speaking families by removing school-to-neighborhood barriers.

Sean has continued to remove obstacles for students and families here in Oregon. Through his daily interactions with all stakeholders, Sean has moved the mission forward for racial and gender equity, fair grading practices, middle-to-high school transition, positive staff-culture, and school safety.

At Mt. Tabor, Sean plans to serve a school that is already achieving great results. He is excited to work at a school where a deaf and hard-of-hearing program, a Japanese and Spanish immersion program, and a neighborhood middle school all synchronize to create a rich and diverse learning environment.

Sean's vision for the future of Mt. Tabor—in partnership with district administration, with every teacher, with every parent or guardian, and with every student—includes a clear and compelling focus on relevant learning targets, frequent and specific feedback throughout the learning process, and a 100% expectation that every student during every lesson engages in high-level cognitive tasks. Finally, Sean says all the work at Mt. Tabor will be done in a safe, positive, inclusive, community-oriented culture where all staff place the lives of students front and center in all decision-making.

Sean holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of San Francisco and a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning from Sonoma State University.

Please join me in welcoming Sean Keating to the Mt. Tabor Community.

Bob McKean  
Interim Superintendent



Sean Keating

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