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Announcing new Chief of Schools, Dr. Shawn Bird

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Shawn Bird has accepted our offer to become Chief of Schools for Portland Public Schools. Shawn is a passionate educator with more than 20 years of experience as a teacher, administrator and executive leader in urban school districts.

This hire completes the leadership team for the Office of School Performance, which Dr. Bird will lead. He will support and guide the Regional Superintendents and Area Senior Directors who support our principals and schools. He will lead the development of a professional learning and leadership strategy that will continue to promote collaboration and coherence across all teams. He will also help manage the organization of academic and leadership structures and processes for the district.

Shawn comes to us from the School District of Philadelphia, where he served as Chief Schools Officer since 2017. During his tenure, 164 schools increased their scores on the district's school performance framework, and 27 schools moved into the top two tiers of that ranking.

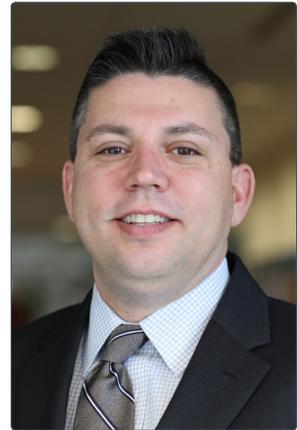
After starting his education career as a secondary English teacher in Houston, Texas, he served as a principal at the middle and high school levels. He moved into district leadership with the Los Angeles Unified School District, where he served as Lead Instructional Director, supervising principals, and was Chief Academic Officer of the Pasadena Unified School District. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston, University of St. Thomas, and California State University-Dominguez Hills.

Dr. Bird earned three degrees from the University of Houston: a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Spanish, a Master of Education in Secondary Education, and a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction.

We are excited to have an educational leader of Dr. Bird's caliber join the district. Please join me in welcoming him to PPS.

Kregg Cuellar, Ed.D.

Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities



Dr. Shawn Bird

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