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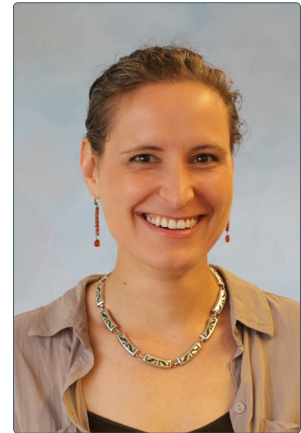
Announcing new principal at Jackson, Susan Kosmala

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Dear Jackson Community,

I am pleased to announce that Susan Kosmala will become the new principal of Jackson Middle School. Susan is a veteran of Portland Public Schools who has served as principal of Buckman Elementary School the last four years.

Susan will succeed Kevin Crotchett, who is completing his sixth year as Jackson principal. Kevin will move to the central office and serve as Director of Learning Technologies. I want to thank Kevin for his service to Jackson and look forward to the contributions he will make in his new position within our Information Technology department.



Susan Kosmala

During her 15 years in PPS, Susan has held a variety of positions that have molded her into a campus leader who will be an ideal fit for Jackson. At Buckman, she designed a reading support plan and integrated behavior and racial equity work, nearly eliminating racial disparity in discipline. She is deeply involved in Buckman's unique arts programming, and has garnered both staff and community support for integrating technology into the classrooms and the arts program.

Before moving to Buckman, Susan was assistant principal at Jason Lee, which was a K-8 school at the time. Susan led Jason Lee's emergency response planning, behavior systems and expansion of AVID from middle school grades to schoolwide. Susan has also held administrative positions with the district, as Charter School Manager, Title I Program Manager and Director of Funded Programs.

In starting her education career, Susan served as a music teacher in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Maine before moving to Oregon in 2001 to teach in Salem. Susan earned Bachelor of Music degrees in Education and Clarinet from the University of Hartford, and added a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Michigan State University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Kosmala to Jackson Middle School.

Keeley Simpson
Area Assistant Superintendent

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