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Announcing new Senior Director of Humanities, Tania McKey

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Dr. Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Tania McKey will join Portland Public Schools as Senior Director of Humanities. Tania brings 23 years of experience in education to the position, which will be in the Office of Teaching and Learning.

In her new role, Tania will take the lead in articulating PPS's vision for achieving a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum. This will include developing and implementing coherent, standards-based core curriculums for PK-12 English/Language Arts and



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History/Social Studies, as well as high school Ethnic Studies programs. She also will guide and support the Dual Language Immersion, English as a Second Language and English Language Development programs.

Tania comes to PPS from Portland State University, where she served as an assistant professor of Educational Leadership and Policy the last two years. She started her career as a high school IB Social Studies teacher in St. Paul, Minn., and has held a multitude of administrative positions in K-12 schools and districts, in Alabama, Indianapolis, Texas and Minnesota.

An experienced presenter, Tania has made dozens of presentations at professional meetings and has been a leader in school sustainability efforts. Tania earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Education from Concordia University (in St. Paul), a Master of Arts in Urban Education from Hamline University, and a Doctorate in Administration, Supervision and Curriculum from Auburn University.

Please join me in welcoming her to Portland Public Schools.

Luis Valentino Chief Academic Officer

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