



Announcing the New Principal at Metropolitan Learning Center, Suezann Kitchens

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Dear MLC Community,

I am pleased to announce that Suezann Kitchens will be the new principal at MLC. Principal Kitchens comes to MLC from Helensview High School, where she's served as the vice principal for the past year. While at Helensview, Suezann assisted the principal in developing a school vision, utilizing her expertise in alternative education and creating school environments steeped in differentiation and project based learning. Additionally, she helped establish a strong school culture focused on building leadership, and developed new strategies for monitoring student social and emotional growth.



Previously, Suezann served as an assistant principal at da Vinci Middle School from 2019 to 2021, and was also an important member of the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC)/Rosemary Anderson High School Community from 2015 to 2019, where she served as an academic counselor, assistant principal, and principal. While at POIC/Rosemary Anderson, Suezann helped guide the development of school curriculum, policies, systems, and structures, in addition to developing and maintaining partnerships with local agencies, school districts, and organizations. Suezann also has many years of experience as an education director and teacher. Her Portland career began at Northwest Children's Theater with a drama class at MLC.

Suezann earned a bachelor's degree focused in the areas of Drama and English from the University of Texas, and a master's degree in Education Administration from Lamar University. Additionally she holds licenses in Oregon, Washington, and Texas.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Suezann Kitchens to the MLC Community.

Dr. Jon Franco,

Chief of Schools, Office of School Performance