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## Announcing New Principal at Sitton, Becky Berry

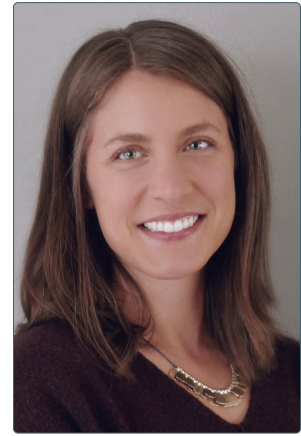
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Dear Sitton Community,

I am pleased to announce Rebecca Berry, someone most of you know well, will be the new principal at Sitton Elementary School.

Becky, as she is commonly known, has served as interim principal at Sitton since April, when Dana Nerenberg moved to the central office as Director of Learning Acceleration. Dana had served as Sitton principal since 2014, and starting in 2016, Becky joined her as assistant principal.

We conducted a formal process to find Dana's successor, and we heard from many of you that Becky was the best fit for the role. We agree.



*Becky Berry*

In her time at Sitton, Becky consistently prioritized racial equity and social justice in all she did. She developed a team of teachers to lead professional learning based on anti-racist teaching practices. She engaged families and staff to gather survey results that provided data to plan school improvement. As a result, students in grades 3-5 met projected growth in English language arts, and with her guidance of the climate team, discipline referrals decreased by 30% in one year.

Becky started her career as a teacher in New York, teaching in a self-contained special education classroom before moving to a co-teaching role at Community Roots School in Brooklyn. She joined PPS in 2013 and spent three years as a language arts teacher and instructional specialist at Boise-Eliot/Humboldt, a racially-diverse Title I school, where she helped accelerate reading level growth.

Becky earned a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of Oregon and a Master of Science in General and Special Education from Bank Street College. She gained Initial Administrator Licenses from Portland State University.

Please join me in congratulating Becky on becoming Principal Berry.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.  
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