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Announcing the New Interim Principal at Atkinson Elementary School, Beth Essex

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Dear Atkinson Community,

I am pleased to announce that Beth Essex will be the new interim principal at Atkinson Elementary. Beth has been a part of the Atkinson community since 2011, serving as a 2nd grade teacher. While at Atkinson, Beth has helped co-create and deliver professional development to school staff as a member of the Equity Team and Climate Team. Additionally, she collaborated on visionary school planning as a member of the Building Leadership Team.



Beth Essex

Beth has also served as an Instructional Specialist at Peninsula Elementary, where she supported the needs of students and teachers, collected, analyzed, and distributed learning data, and designed interventions for Tier 2 and 3 students. Prior to her time at Peninsula, Beth served as an English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for PPS, aiding schools in understanding and implementing state and federal compliances related to Title III. Beth has served as an ESL teacher in five schools and has experience as a teacher trainer for the U.S. Peace Corps.

Beth earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the College of Charleston, located in Charleston, South Carolina, and a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Portland State University. Additionally, Beth holds an Oregon Professional Teaching License and a Principal License.

Please join me in welcoming Interim Principal Beth Essex to the Atkinson Community.

Dr. Jon Franco,
Chief of Schools, Office of School Performance