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Announcing Permanent Principal at Peninsula, Claire Skelly

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Dear Peninsula Community,

I am pleased to announce that Claire Skelly has been elevated to permanent principal at Peninsula Elementary School.

As you know, Claire has served as Peninsula's interim principal since August after Debbie Armendariz moved to the central office. In that role, Claire has shown the collaborative leadership skills to warrant us making her the permanent principal.



Claire Skelly

In her time at Peninsula, Claire has worked to develop strong relationships with students, staff and families. She has teamed with staff and students to adjust systems of support to ensure that students feel safe, supported and engaged in the Peninsula community.

Claire's leadership approach has been informed by her background as one of Portland Public Schools' leaders in Special Education as an administrator for six years in the central office. Her work in helping to create equitable systems and collaborating with parents, administrators, teachers, legal counsel and outside agencies have proven to be invaluable as a principal.

Please join me in congratulating Claire.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.

Deputy Superintendent, School Communities & Instruction

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