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Announcing New Principal at Sunnyside Environmental, Dr. Eryn Berg

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Dear Sunnyside Community,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Eryn Berg, an experienced principal in Portland Public Schools, will be the new principal at Sunnyside Environmental K-8 School for the 2021-22 school year.

She will succeed Amy Kleiner, who has served as Sunnyside principal since 2011. We thank Amy for her years of hard work and dedication to students and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Eryn comes to Sunnyside from another PPS focus option school, Odyssey, which uses history as its focus. At Odyssey, she formed an equity team of PTA members and school staff, and created a system-based approach for student support. At King, she led the International Baccalaureate and Turnaround Arts programs, and wrote and received several significant grants. She also started a Mandarin Immersion program for kindergarten and first-grade students. Additionally, Eryn also served as principal of the Portland Evening Scholars and Summer Scholars and at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School.

Eryn started her career as an English teacher in a dropout prevention program in Florida before moving onto an English honors program. Following her time in Florida, she moved to New York City where she taught high school English in Brooklyn for eight years. She moved into administration as an assistant principal at Lakeridge High School in 2008. She has served as an assistant principal at Alameda Elementary, a PPS school for four years. She has also served as an administrator at ACCESS Academy, initiating the first staff and parent equity team, while simultaneously increasing outreach to students of color and founding a Gay-Straight Alliance.

Eryn earned a Bachelor of Arts in English, with a minor in Psychology, from Brigham Young University; a Master of Arts in American Studies from Columbia University; and a Doctor of Education Administration degree from Concordia University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Berg to Sunnyside.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief of Schools



Dr. Eryn Berg

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