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# Announcing New Area Senior Director, Dr. Hassan Dornayi

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Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Hassan Dornayi, a veteran educator who has centered racial equity and social justice in his work, will join PPS as an Area Senior Director in the Office of School Performance.

In his new role, Hassan will support principals at 11 schools at the elementary and K-8 levels within the Cleveland-Wilson-Lincoln-Franklin-Grant cohort. He will work under the leadership of Dr. Esther Omogbehin, the cohort's Regional Superintendent.

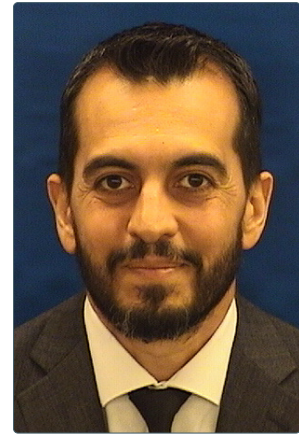
Drawn to PPS by the district's dedication to RESJ, Hassan believes in using data to drive decisive action and in drawing in the educator community to work collaboratively and reach solutions and actionable ideas. He comes to Portland from Southern California, where he has served 20 years as an educator in a variety of roles.

He started his career as a special education teacher, then spent 10 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District, first as a history teacher, then as an instructional coach, multilingual-multicultural expert and coordinator. A fluent Spanish speaker, Hassan moved to the Pasadena Unified School District as a Director and led the Language Assessment and Development Department, where he redesigned English learner curriculum to align with statewide standards.

Hassan earned two Master of Arts degrees from California State University, Northridge, in Educational Administration and Political Science, and a Doctor of Education from California State University, Los Angeles.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Dornayi to Portland Public Schools.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D  
Chief of Schools



*Dr. Hassan Dornayi*

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