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Announcing the New Interim Principal at Jackson Middle School, John Ferraro

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Dear Jackson Middle School Community,

I am pleased to announce that John Ferraro, a veteran educator in Portland Public Schools, will serve as Interim Principal at Jackson Middle School.

John started working at PPS in 2002 as the Principal at James John Elementary School. He went on to serve as Principal at Jackson and West Sylvan Middle Schools. John has spent the last six years as the principal at Beverly Cleary K-8. During his time at Beverly Cleary, John supported the school community as we moved from three campuses to two campuses, and finally now returning to one campus at Fernwood.



John Ferraro

John started his education career in 1985 as a music teacher at Rainier Elementary. Throughout his career he has centered his work on elevating student voice, using data to inform instruction, infusing arts into students' school experience, and building a strong sense of community. He is a collaborative and culturally responsive leader who builds strong relationships and teams while maintaining a focus on students.

John earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Portland. He earned his administrative credentials from Portland State University. John enjoys camping and exploring the outdoors.

Please join me in welcoming Interim Principal John Ferraro to Jackson Middle School.

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

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