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Announcing the New Principal at Ockley Green Middle School, Julie Rierson

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Dear Ockley Green Community:

I am pleased to announce that Julie Rierson will be the new principal at Ockley Green Middle School.

Julie comes to Ockley Green from Franklin High School, where she has been a vice principal since 2019. She brings extensive experience as an educator and vice principal at multiple PPS high schools. Julie is a Portland native, a PPS graduate from Franklin High School and is also a member of the PIL Hall of Fame. She has a deep understanding of PPS and has served our students in a number of roles.



Julie Rierson

Julie began her career at PPS in 1993 as a high school math teacher and then served as a math curriculum specialist starting in 2008. In 2014, she was a summer school administrator at Jefferson High School followed by two years as a district-wide assistant director of instruction, curriculum and assessment. Julie was vice principal at Cleveland High School from 2016 to 2019.

In her most recent role at Franklin, Julie has worked closely with staff to increase inclusion through targeted Push In support for students receiving Special Education & English as a Second Language services, implemented data-driven systemic supports, and has led alignment of professional learning to an integrated Instructional and Equity framework to create a schoolwide coherent focus on increasing students' sense of belonging and engagement in the classroom. Julie earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Lewis & Clark College in 1991, followed by a master's in teaching math at Lewis & Clark in 1996.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Rierson to the Ockley Green community.

Dr. Cheryl Proctor,
Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School Communities