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## Announcing Principal of the Portland DART School, Max Whitehouse

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Dear DART Community,

I am pleased to announce that Max Whitehouse will be the new principal of the Portland DART Schools.

Most recently, during the 2021-22 school year Max served as the Interim Principal of DART Schools. However, Max's history educating students in Day and Residential Treatment (DART) Schools goes back to 2005, when he started his educational career as a paraeducator at DART.

From 2005 to 2010, Max served students in grades K-12 as a paraeducator at DART. As a licensed math teacher, Max has ignited the mathematician in hundreds of students. Through engaging high quality instruction Max worked diligently to expand the skills and experiences of students at Youth Employment Institute, and Southeast Works; two of PPS' contracted alternative schools between 2011 and 2017. Specifically, he has worked extensively within secondary school communities who are have gaps in learning and are behind in credits. In 2017, Max returned to PPS as a middle school math teacher at Lane Middle School for the 2017-18 school year.

Transitioning to administration, Max served as a Vice Principal at Summer Scholars in 2019 and was quickly promoted to DART Assistant Principal, where he served for two years. As an instructional leader, Max was responsible for leading school wide professional development and content PLCs, integrating social emotional learning in the school setting while collaborating consistently with on-site mental health professionals from organizations providing day and residential treatment services to students.

Max has been instrumental in creating school environments that of LGBTQIA+ and racial equity and he returned in 2019 to serve as summer principal and has been assistant principal there the last two years. Max has a background of instructional leadership that includes guiding teachers and schools through the process of shifting to a proficiency based instructional and grading model. He brings a wide range of educational experiences, including leadership roles in alternative and summer programs, and as a math and science teacher.

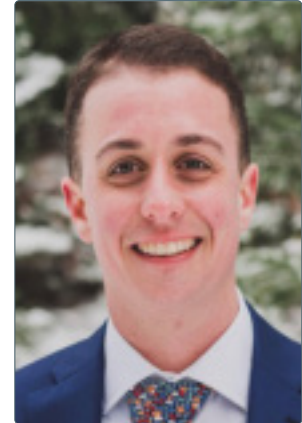
Max has served as a member of PPS's LGBTQ+ Work Team and Steering Committee, and he took part in a year-long training with the Center for Equity and Inclusion to develop a stronger system of accountability in alternative schools.

Max earned a Bachelor of Art in Political Science from the University of Oregon, and a Master of Education and Oregon Initial Administrator License from Portland State University.

Please join me in congratulating Principal Whitehouse on his new role.

Dr. Jon Franco

Chief of Schools, Office of School Performance



*Max Whitehouse*