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## Announcing Interim Principal at Rose City Park, Michael Bacon

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Dear Rose City Park Community,

I am pleased to announce that Michael Bacon, one of the district's leaders in Dual Language Immersion, will serve as interim principal at Rose City Park Elementary School in the 2021-22 school year.

He succeeds Jeremy Cohen, who had been Rose City Park principal since 2018 and is taking a position outside the district. We thank Principal Cohen for his hard work and dedication to our students.

In more than 30 years in education, Michael has gained the knowledge and skills to build a positive and focused learning culture critical for transformative change in making a difference for students. Since 2013, Michael served in the Dual Language Immersion program at the central office, first as assistant director, then as director starting in 2017. In that role, he led and organized Portland Public Schools' 16 DLI programs, in five languages, including the Vietnamese program at Rose City Park.

During his time as assistant director, he helped add Vietnamese as a DLI language in PPS. Before that, he served 10 years as an Immersion Achievement Coordinator and Teacher on Special Assignment, helping lead professional, program and curriculum development for 10 DLI programs in four languages.

Michael started his career as an English as a Second Language teacher at a junior high school in Japan. He joined PPS in 1995 as an instructor for a Japanese language pilot project, then taught Japanese and English Language Arts and Social Studies at Mt. Tabor Middle School for eight years.

Michael earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with a minor in Japanese, from Whitman College; and a Master of Education and Administrative Licensure from Portland State University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Bacon to Rose City Park.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.

Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities



Michael Bacon

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