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## Announcing the New Principal at Duniway Elementary School, Philip Rafferty

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Dear Duniway School Community:

I am pleased to announce that Philip Rafferty will be the new principal at Duniway Elementary School.

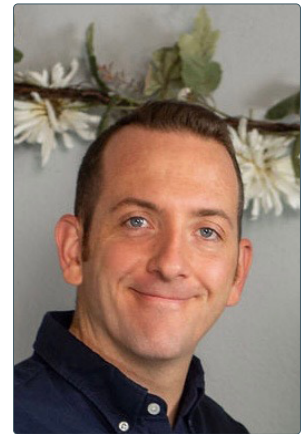
Philip, a clear and energetic communicator whose equity-centered work puts students first, comes to Duniway from Arleta K-5 school, where he has been interim principal since the fall. He has been a teacher and school administrator for 14 years, first in New York City and then in Portland.

Philip began his career teaching English Language Arts at St. Francis Preparatory High School in Queens, followed by a year as a K-5 English as a Second Language teacher and summer program director at the IQ Learning Center in Brooklyn. He came to Portland in 2014 and taught English and U.S. History for four years at Jefferson High School. After that, Philip moved to Robert Gray Middle School, where he taught English, served as a teacher mentor and as the racial equity social justice site coordinator. Philip has also served as a substitute administrator at five PPS elementary and middle schools, and as an interim assistant principal at Robert Gray. He's been a teacher at the Portland Evening And Summer Scholars program, as well as the summer principal at Bridger Elementary for the Summer Acceleration Academy.

Philip has a bachelor's from St. Francis College and a master's degree from Brooklyn College in English literature, a master's degree in social justice education and curriculum design from the University of Oregon, and a certificate from the School Administrator Program at Concordia University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Rafferty to Duniway Elementary School.

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



Philip Rafferty