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Jefferson Update: Ricky Allen Will Remain in Place as Interim Principal for the 2021-22 School Year

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Dear Jefferson Community,

I want to update you that Ricky Allen will remain in place as interim principal at Jefferson High School-Middle College for Advanced Studies for the 2021-22 school year.

As you know, [Ricky has served in the role since January](#), when Margaret Calvert moved into her new position as Portland Public Schools' Regional Superintendent for High Schools and Multiple Pathways to Graduation. Margaret had been at Jefferson since 2008, and had served as principal since 2011.



Ricky Allen

We are continuing to work to find her permanent replacement. We want to identify a candidate who is the ideal fit for Jefferson and its community, and having Ricky remain in the interim role will give us more time to do so.

Before stepping into the interim role, Ricky served as vice principal at Jefferson since 2008. Working hand-in-hand with Margaret, he led the development and growth of the Middle College. During his tenure, he also led work with the counseling department, professional development, building safety, athletics, the equity team, and the Young Men's Academy.

We wish you a safe and joyful summer.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief of Schools

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