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## Announcing New Principal at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School, Teresa Chan Seidel

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Dear MLK Community,

I am pleased to announce that Teresa Chan Seidel, a top educator in Portland Public Schools, will be the new principal at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School.

She succeeds Jill Sage, who is moving into a central office role with PPS after serving as principal for six years. We thank Jill for her dedication and know she will continue her good work for PPS students in her new role.

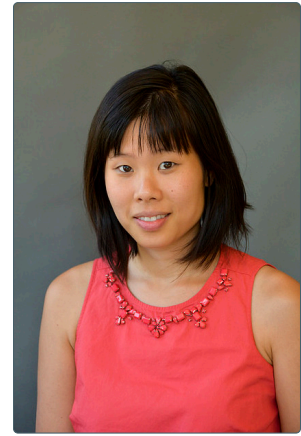
Teresa, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, is dedicated to closing the opportunity gap for students who have been historically underserved. Starting in 2019, she served as principal at Buckman Elementary School, where she merged the school's arts focus with the district equity lens. She co-facilitated an equity group for students, worked with the Parent Equity Team, led broader community studies of the "Me and White Supremacy" book, and guided an anti-racist study group. Under her leadership, Buckman's school climate survey results improved 19% in 2020.

Before moving into administration, Teresa served as a math and science teacher for nine years. In 2013-14, while teaching at Robert Gray Middle School, she won the Milken Educator Award, one of the top national honors in the field of education. Teresa moved into administration in 2015 as an assistant principal at Laurelhurst K-8 School, where she developed and facilitated the Student Intervention, Equity, and the School Climate teams. She also formed Laurelhurst's first Queer Straight Alliance and student racial affinity groups.

Teresa is a proud PPS graduate who attended high school at Benson. She earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education from the University of Oregon.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Seidel to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D  
Chief of Schools



Teresa Chan Seidel

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