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## Announcing Rigler's New Interim Principal Jennifer Fontana

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Dear Rigler Community,

I am pleased to announce that Jennifer Fontana, the current assistant principal at Rigler Elementary School, will become the new interim principal as of Wednesday, September 27. Jennifer takes over for T.J. Fuller, who is being named principal of Cesar Chavez K-8 in North Portland.

Prior to joining PPS in 2012, Jennifer had a long career as a dual-immersion teacher at Barnes Elementary School in the Beaverton School District, and at El Puente Bilingual School and Alder Creek Middle School in the North Clackamas School District.

During her time at Rigler, Jennifer has led the way for increased parent engagement and inclusive practices among the Rigler community. She also designed and implemented professional development on culturally responsive teaching.

Throughout her teaching career, Jennifer has taught at all grade levels from kindergarten through middle school, specializing in Spanish dual-immersion curriculum and also trained beginning teachers in literacy and math assessment procedures.

As she assumes the role of interim principal, Jennifer says she hopes to continue the work of creating and maintaining a caring, inclusive learning environment for all students at Rigler as well as focusing on high levels of academic achievement and success.

Jennifer is bilingual in Spanish and has experience as an Equity Facilitator with Coaching for Education Equity. She holds her K-12 Literary Endorsement from Lewis and Clark College and a K-12 ESL/Bilingual Endorsement from Western Oregon University.

Please join me in congratulating Jennifer on being named interim principal of Rigler. We hope you can attend a community meeting to talk with her on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 5pm in the Rigler auditorium.

Yousef Awwad  
Interim Superintendent



Jennifer Fontana

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