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Announcing Cesar Chavez School's New Principal T.J. Fuller

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Dear Cesar Chavez School Community,

I am pleased to announce T.J. Fuller will be the new principal for Cesar Chavez School. T.J. is currently the principal at Rigler Elementary, a position he has held since 2015.

T.J. earned his bachelor of science in political science and history from the University of Massachusetts. He then taught fifth grade at R.N. Fickett Elementary and then third and fifth grade at Sarah Smith Elementary in Atlanta, through Teach for America. Simultaneously, he earned his post baccalaureate early childhood teacher certificate from Agnes Scott College.

T.J. joined PPS in 2006, where he served as a fourth and fifth grade teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School for three years. While finishing his master's degree in administration and leadership from Portland State University, T.J. served as a student management specialist at Faubion K-8 for one year. Upon graduation from PSU, he was assistant principal at Rigler K-8 for two years; vice principal at Robert Gray Middle School for one year; principal at Woodstock Elementary School for two years; and principal at Rigler Elementary School for the past two years.

T.J.'s wealth of leadership knowledge and classroom experience will further strengthen the Cesar Chavez community. While at Rigler, T.J. oversaw the Spanish Dual Language Immersion program. He believes in fully utilizing community partnerships to strengthen the academic experience for teachers, students, family and received TechSmart, Flagship and library grants while principal at Woodstock and Rigler.

He believes in building strong communities, and that an open dialogue between families, teachers and students is essential for success. T.J. wants to work with the dedicated Cesar Chavez community to bring their students academic success for years to come.

In his free time, T.J. enjoys watching live music, camping, hiking, and spending time with his dogs.

Please join me in congratulating T.J. on being named principal of Cesar Chavez School. We hope you can attend a community meeting to talk with him on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6pm in the Cesar Chavez cafeteria.

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Interim Superintendent



T.J. Fuller

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