

PRESS RELEASE

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Sherwood School District Announces New Principals



Miranda Johnson, Principal of Edy Ridge Elementary

On July 30, 2018, Miranda Johnson was selected as Interim Principal for Edy Ridge Elementary. Since that time, she has demonstrated strong leadership and a focus on building relationships with staff, students and families. As such, the Sherwood School District is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, Ms. Johnson has been selected as Principal of Edy Ridge Elementary, and will continue in this role when the Laurel Ridge and Edy Ridge campuses transform into one large elementary school in fall 2020.

Prior to being named Interim Principal, Ms. Johnson spent 10 years teaching at Archer Glen Elementary, as well as two years at Middleton Elementary as an Instructional Coach. Throughout her years working in the Sherwood School District, she has demonstrated a commitment to student success, as well as an ability to attend to the social-emotional well-being of her students.

“I am extremely honored to continue in the role as Edy Ridge Principal next year,” shared Ms. Johnson. “I have greatly enjoyed working with the Edy students, families, and staff this year, and I look forward to the opportunity to partner with them for many years to come.

“When our team selected Ms. Johnson to serve as Interim Principal at Edy Ridge Elementary, we were confident in her ability to provide excellent leadership,” noted Superintendent Cordie. “Since then, her hard work and dedication to her role has only strengthened this confidence, and we are excited to have Ms. Johnson on board as Principal, now, and as we move forward with our elementary Transformation project at the Ridges campuses.”

Melissa Baran, Principal of Sherwood High School (effective July 1, 2019)

After a thorough hiring process involving the feedback of staff, students, and parents, the Sherwood School District is pleased to announce that Melissa Baran will be the next principal of Sherwood High School, starting July 1, 2019.

Ms. Baran’s background in high school education includes several years teaching Language Arts and serving as Activities Director at Beaverton High School, prior to becoming Assistant Principal at Parkrose High School in 2012. In 2014, she returned to Beaverton High School as

Assistant Principal. Ms. Baran’s educational experience also includes work with AVID, restorative justice practices, and building community partnerships. During the hiring process, Ms. Baran consistently demonstrated the priority she places on building relationships and addressing equity challenges, two key elements of the SSD Strategic Plan, and we look forward to her contributions to our district’s growth in these areas.



“We feel very fortunate for someone with Ms. Baran’s administrative and teaching experience to become the next Principal of Sherwood High School,” shared Superintendent Heather Cordie. “During the interview process, she demonstrated many of the qualities our team was looking for in our next principal, as well as several of the characteristics identified in the feedback we received from staff, students, and parents during the hiring process. I am thankful to the many individuals who participated in feedback surveys, listening circles and candidate interviews, as it helped our team select a strong candidate that we believe is the right fit for Sherwood High School.”

When asked how she felt about joining the District, Ms. Baran noted, “Words can not accurately capture my excitement about being selected as the next Principal of Sherwood High School! I eagerly look forward to serving the students, staff and community of Sherwood and am thankful for the many opportunities to come. There is amazing work happening in the Sherwood School District and at Sherwood High School -- I'm humbled to join such a strong team.”

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