



Announcing Senior Director Carol Campbell



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I am pleased to announce that Carol Campbell, currently principal of Grant High School, will join the Office of School Performance as the Senior Director of High Schools with College and Career Readiness a part of her portfolio. Carol succeeds Shay James, who is leaving in June to become Executive Director of High Schools for the North Clackamas School District.

Carol brings years of experience and innovative leadership to this position.

She started in the education field teaching high school Biology in Missouri for 14 years. She taught Biology at Grant for nine years before becoming Newberg High School principal. She has served as principal of Benson Polytechnic High School from 2011-2013 and principal at Grant since 2013.

At Newberg, Carol helped build CTE programs in Welding, Greenhouse Management and Landscape Design, creating partnerships with Oregon State University, Portland Community College and others. Her dedication to CTE continued at Benson, where she collaborated with alumni and the community to start a Geometry in Construction course. Grant had no CTE courses until Carol established seven during her time as principal, including courses in 3-D Design & Applied Arts, Multimedia/Theater Arts, Digital Media, Education, Audio Engineering, Healthcare and Info Technology.

Carol believes “a good administrator guides and assists, collaborates and facilitates.” At Newberg, she developed a student leadership class to bring student voices to decision making. At Benson, she facilitated equity professional development, organized an all-staff field trip to learn about the racial history of Portland, and introduced professional development regarding ways to support LGBTQ students and families. At Grant, she supported the Black Student Union in the planning and implementation of school-wide equity activities. She used student input to add racially diverse courses such as Ethnic Studies and Latin American Literature, and she supported the growth of the award-winning Grant Magazine.

I am excited that Carol will be bringing this expertise to the Office of School Performance where she will be supervising the high schools and CTE as well as the Early Warning and Gear Up programs.

Please join me in congratulating Carol.

Carole Smith
Superintendent