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To: All Staff
Fr: Jim Morse, Superintendent
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Re: New Year, New Vision and Mission

Happy New Year!

It is with excitement and pleasure I welcome you back. I hope your holiday break was wonderful.

The Portland School Board recently approved new vision, mission and core principles for the district. Work on the core principles began at the 2009 Future Search event involving more than 100 local civic and business leaders, teachers, parents, students and other residents. These core principles draw on the consensus about the future direction of our schools that emerged from that event. The School Board spent several months fine-tuning the wording.

The new statements are posted on our Web site:

<http://www2.portlandschools.org/portland-public-schools-vision-mission-core-principles>.

We also have a new slogan ("Learning to Succeed") that is on our Web banner, stationery and other publications. The new vision, mission, core principles and slogan replace all previous slogans and vision, mission and belief statements.

I am asking that building principals please print the new vision, mission and core principles in your next school newsletter, with a note explaining that they recently were approved by the Portland School Board. As appropriate, they should be included in all PPS publications.

These new statements will replace any mission statements, slogans or the like that were developed in the past for individual schools or programs. If your school or program had its own mission or vision statement, please delete it from all publications, web pages, etc. from now on. You can use up any materials that you have with the old statement, such as school brochures and stationery. But any new materials should only include the district slogan, mission, vision, and core principles. That will underscore the message that our school district is united in our focus on helping children to succeed.

Again, welcome back.



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Vision and Mission

Vision: All learners will be fully prepared to participate and succeed in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Mission: The Portland Public Schools are responsible for ensuring a challenging, relevant, and joyful education that empowers every learner to make a difference in the world. We build relationships among families, educators, and the community to promote the healthy development and academic achievement of every learner.



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Core Principles

We support an organization that strives for continuous improvement and transparency, with agreed upon goals and evidence of progress.

We support an organization where leadership at all levels supports student learning, financial, and operational priorities.

We support an organization that demonstrates fiscal responsibility and effective long-term financial planning.

We support an organization that provides our learners with equitable and appropriate facilities.

We support an organization that celebrates and partners with the diverse culture of our community.

We support an organization that has an investment in staff recognizing that this connects to student learning.

We support an organization that is vested in our Adult Learners.

We support an organization that recognizes the importance of the arts, athletics, co-curricular, and extra-curricular opportunities in our learners' growth.

We support an organization that utilizes technology to provide instructional opportunities for all of our learners.

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