

RESOLUTION No. 6763

Resolution to Recognize October 2023 as National Principals Month in Portland Public Schools

Leadership matters. Principals make a difference. In fact, according to Linda Darling-Hammond, the leadership provided by an effective building principal is second only to the guidance provided by the classroom teachers in impacting student learning. In her study of the principalship, Darling-Hammond notes, "School leadership strongly affects student learning. Principals are central to the task of building schools that promote powerful teaching and learning for all students" (Darling-Hammond & Bransford, 2005, p. 3).

RECITALS

- A. During these extraordinary times, PPS school principals, vice principals, and assistant principals have exhibited great commitment and adaptability to lead and support their communities, with passion, energy, enthusiasm, vision, and commitment for each and every student; and
- B. Principals play a key role in the mission of Portland Public Schools: "We provide rigorous, high-quality academic learning experiences that are inclusive and joyful. We disrupt racial inequities to create vibrant environments for every student to demonstrate excellence."; and
- C. Principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, managers of student behavior, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people: and
- D. The professional responsibilities of school principals include building the leadership capacity of and mentoring aspiring administrators; and
- E. School principals often need to manage numerous responsibilities, work extended hours, and make difficult decisions; and
- F. The success of a school depends on the principal's ability to work collaboratively with all stakeholder groups and establish positive relationships by building trust, practicing open communication, and building a restorative culture that emphasizes learning and growth for all students, colleagues, and members of the school community.

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The Board of Education recognizes October 2023 as National Principals Month and extends sincere appreciation and gratitude to school principals, vice principals, and assistant principals, for their individual and collective commitment to the success of every student in Portland Public Schools.