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Seattle Public Schools confirms additional Principal Appointment for 2009-2010 school year

Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D., and Chief Academic Officer Carla Santorno have confirmed an additional principal appointment for the 2009-2010 school year. Selected as interim principal for the 2008-2009 school year, Ms. Mia Williams has been appointed as Principal of Aki Kurose Middle School.

“Mia Williams is an excellent educational leader who is having a strong positive impact on her school and their school community,” said Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson. “We want to make this announcement now during our Open Enrollment period so that students, parents, families and staff will know that Principal Mia Williams will continue her excellent work and leadership Aki Kurose.”

Chief Academic Officer Santorno said, “We know that high quality educational leadership in our schools is a key strategy for academic success. We welcome new and returning families to join us and join this excellent educator for the next school year.”

Appointment includes:

Aki Kurose Middle School

Mia Williams has been appointed Principal of Aki Kurose Middle School. Ms. Williams served as the interim Principal of Aki Kurose Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year. She received the Distinguished Assistant Principal of the Year Award for 2002-2003. Ms. Williams served as assistant principal at Denny Middle School for four years and assistant principal for three years at Salmon Bay K-8 School. She previously taught within Seattle Public Schools for seven years. Ms. Williams has extensive experience with Readers Writers Workshop, literacy coaching and has been trained at the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York. She earned a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies as well as a Principal Certification from the University of Washington’s rigorous Danforth Educational Leadership Program.

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