



# News Release

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## **Seattle Public Schools announces additional Principal Appointments for 2009-2010**

Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D., and Chief Academic Officer Carla Santorno have made additional principal appointments for the 2009-2010 school year.

The principal appointments announced today are: Ms. Cothron McMillian, Brighton Elementary School; Mr. Chris Carter, Hamilton International Middle School; Ms. Beverly Raines, Lawton Elementary School; Ms. Cashel Toner, Leschi Elementary School; Mr. Wayne Floyd, Loyal Heights Elementary; Mrs. DeWanda Cook-Weaver, McGilvra Elementary School, and Ms. Jo Lute-Ervin, TOPS K-8 School.

“Strong school leadership – and accountability – are among the focus areas of our five-year strategic plan, *Excellence for All*,” said Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson. “Principals are accountable for ensuring academic excellence for every student and for fostering a positive and collaborative learning community. And central office leaders are accountable not only for academic results, but also for providing principals, teachers and staff with the best tools and systems possible to help students succeed.”

The appointments become effective July 1, 2009.

### **Appointments include:**

#### **BRIGHTON ELEMENTARY**

**Cothron McMillian** has been appointed principal for Brighton Elementary School. She has been a dedicated part of the Seattle School District as a principal, teacher and educator for 21 years, most recently spending two years as principal at Whittier Elementary. Previously, Ms. McMillian served as principal at Laurelhurst, Rainier View and High Point elementary schools and as a middle school assistant principal. Her professional preparation includes a bachelor of arts in business education from the University of Washington and a master of arts degree in educational leadership from Seattle Pacific University. Ms. McMillian has a long history of service to the community and has been especially active in Rotary International, where she has been honored for her contributions to children.

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## **HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Chris Carter** has been appointed principal for Hamilton International Middle School. His expertise, experience and knowledge of the middle school learning environment make him an excellent match with the Hamilton school community. Mr. Carter has worked in Seattle Public Schools as a principal, teacher and educator for nine years. Most recently he was principal at the African American Academy. Prior to that appointment, he served as assistant principal at Pacific Middle School in the Highline School District, was house administrator and teacher at Mercer Middle School in Seattle and also taught at Horace Mann Elementary School in Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Carter, who comes from a family of educators, has an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Washington, earned a master's degree in teaching from City University and a principal's certificate from Western Washington University. Current Hamilton principal Katie Cryan Leary will be on leave next year.

## **LAWTON ELEMENTARY**

**Beverly Raines** has been appointed principal at Lawton Elementary School. She has worked in Seattle Public Schools as a principal, head teacher and classroom teacher for more than 30 years and is committed to academic success for all children. For many years, Ms. Raines has served as the principal at Brighton Elementary School. She has taught general education and Spectrum level classes in grades 7 through 12 at Hamilton Middle School and at Garfield, Chief Sealth and Cleveland high schools. Her professional preparation includes a bachelor of education and a master of education from the University of Washington. She is a strong advocate for professional development and has made training a priority for herself as well as her staff.

## **LESCHI ELEMENTARY**

**Cashel Toner** has been appointed principal at Leschi Elementary School. This fall the Montessori program currently at T.T. Minor will relocate to Leschi and Ms. Toner will be an excellent match for the school. For nine years, she has been an educational leader in Seattle Public Schools. She served as principal at Loyal Heights Elementary School during which the school was recognized as a "School of Distinction" by Washington's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. She previously served as a teacher and head teacher at Daniel Bagley Elementary. Ms. Toner earned a bachelor of arts in humanities, an American Montessori Society Early Childhood Teaching credential, a master's degree in teaching and an education specialist degree with a principal certification from Seattle University. She is a strong advocate for students and is committed to building strong, collaborative learning communities.

## **LOYAL HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY**

**Wayne Floyd** has been appointed principal at Loyal Heights Elementary School. Mr. Floyd has been an integral part of Seattle Public Schools for the past 31 years. He served as co-principal at Wing Luke Elementary for one year and as interim principal at Cleveland High School. He previously served as assistant principal, dean of students and head teacher at Cleveland and Garfield high schools. Mr. Floyd's professional preparation includes a bachelor of arts degree in education from Central Washington University, teacher certification K-12 from Central Washington University, and principal certification and a master of education degree from Antioch University. As principal, he supported school staff and the school community in using data to drive decisions focused on student learning.

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## **MCGILVRA ELEMENTARY**

**DeWanda Cook-Weaver** has been appointed principal at McGilvra Elementary. For 20 years, she has worked in Seattle Public Schools as a principal, speech language pathologist and educator. Mrs. Cook-Weaver served as co-principal at Lowell Elementary for two years. Previously she was assistant principal at Broadview-Thomson and principal at T.T. Minor and Emerson Elementary. Mrs. Cook-Weaver's professional preparation includes a bachelor of arts degree from Henderson State University of Arkadelphia, Ark., a master's degree from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., an educational specialist degree from Louisiana State University of Monroe, La., a principal certification from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wash., and doctoral work at the Fielding Institute of Santa Barbara, Calif. Current principal Jo Shapiro will become the assistant principal at Hamilton International Middle School.

## **TOPS K-8 SCHOOL**

**Jo Lute-Ervin** has been appointed principal at TOPS K-8. Throughout her career she has worked in Seattle Public Schools at the elementary, middle and high school level. Ms. Lute-Ervin has served as principal at Leschi Elementary for nine years. Previously, she served as assistant principal of Washington Middle School for four and one-half years. Ms. Lute-Ervin holds a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from the Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas, teacher certification K-12 from the University of Washington, principal certification through the Danforth Program at the University of Washington, and a master of education degree from Lesley College of Cambridge, Mass. While at Leschi Elementary, Ms. Lute-Ervin focused on student learning, leading her school to be recognized as a "School of Distinction" in 2007 by Washington's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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