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Megan McCarter Named Executive Director of Instructional Services

HILLSBORO - Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRESD) has selected Megan McCarter as the executive director of instructional services, effective July 1.

"We are extremely impressed by Megan's track record and her unwavering focus on excellence and equity," says Dan Goldman, superintendent. "I am excited to see her lead our instructional services team as we aim to improve student success in Northwest Oregon. Megan puts her values of collaborative leadership, innovation, growth and results on display, and I know our staff and school districts have a lot to look forward to with her at the helm."

McCarter's list of accomplishments demonstrates her ability to build innovative teams, lead for racial equity, and foster her team's professional growth and leadership development.

She spent the past three years as principal of Scott Elementary School in Portland, Oregon, which offers a Spanish immersion program to some of its 500+ students. While at Scott, the percentage of students meeting or exceeding reading growth targets increased from 22% in the spring of 2019 to 52% in the winter of 2019. She also rebuilt the school's leadership team to reflect the racial diversity of the school community and started weekly social justice lessons with students.

In Chicago, Illinois, she collaboratively led a school turnaround effort moving the Dewey School of Excellence, a prekindergarten to eighth grade school, from the bottom three schools in Illinois to the top 15% in Chicago in a three-year period. And while teaching at Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy in Chicago, she set a historical record for math growth on state end-of-grade assessments for algebra students receiving special education services.

"I'm thrilled to join an organization with ambitious goals and that's at the forefront of reimagining and reinventing our 100-year-old education system so it will work for more of our students," says McCarter. "I look forward to partnering with school districts, their educators and their communities to anticipate and prepare students for jobs that don't even exist yet."

McCarter received a Master of Education in school building leadership from Columbia University. She also holds a Master of Arts in teaching and Doctor of Education from National-Louis University. McCarter will replace Johnna Timmes, who will lead NWRESD's early learning programs.