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NCSD Announces Dr. Shay James as the New Superintendent

Milwaukie, OR (February 11, 2021)—At this evening's School Board meeting, North Clackamas Schools (NCSD) announced Dr. Shay James will be the next Superintendent after an exhaustive search process. Dr. James is currently NCSD's Assistant Superintendent of Education, and will formally assume her new duties on July 1, 2021.



Dr. James joined NCSD in 2016 and previously served as its Executive Director of High School Programs. Prior to her work at NCSD, she held several roles with Portland Public Schools, where she worked as a teacher, Assistant Principal, Vice Principal, Principal, and Senior Director of High Schools and College and Career Readiness.

In addition to over 21 years of educational experience, Dr. James has a Bachelor of Science (BS) and Masters in Education (M.ED) from Portland State University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) from Lewis and Clark College. Additionally, she taught as an adjunct professor at Washington State University in Vancouver, Washington for two years.

Dr. James will lead NCSD following the retirement of current Superintendent Matt Utterback at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Utterback will leave NCSD after a career spanning 32 years, including serving as Superintendent since 2012.

In the coming weeks, NCSD will take action to fill the Assistant Superintendent of Education vacancy caused by Dr. James' new role. NCSD greatly appreciates all of the community, student, and staff input provided as part of the selection process.

NCSD is an award-winning district that prepares students who are inspired and empowered to strengthen the quality of life in our local and global communities. More information about NCSD is available at www.nclack.k12.or.us.