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### **Media Advisory**

## **Yolanda Coleman Announced as Quatama Elementary Principal**

**April 20, 2018, Hillsboro, OR**—Superintendent Scott announced today that Yolanda Coleman, assistant principal at Martin Luther King Jr. School (PK-8) in the Portland Public School District, has been named principal of Quatama Elementary School. Current Quatama principal Christy Walters was named principal of Witch Hazel Elementary School earlier this spring.

Coleman began her career at Martin Luther King Jr. School in 2011 as a student management specialist and positive behavior coach. Then, in 2013, she served as both the school counselor and interim assistant principal. Next, Coleman spent a year at West Sylvan Middle School as the assistant principal before returning to Martin Luther King Jr. School in 2015 to assume her current position. Coleman was named the Portland Public Schools Assistant Principal of the Year for 2015-16.

Coleman is committed to creating positive communities and school cultures. She advocates for staff and supports their efforts as they increase their knowledge and skills through professional development, and she is passionate about equipping students to achieve their academic, career, and personal goals. In addition, she has experience in arts education and knowledge of STEM programs.

On Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m., Coleman will attend the school's Coyote Community Club meeting to introduce herself to parents.

Her official start date is July 1, 2018.

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