

Rising to the Top

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end of racial discrimination against African Americans sparked by the police custody killing of George Floyd, a black man in Minneapolis, and other killings of black Americans by police officers in Portland and across the nation.

The shakeup also comes as Portland police have been sharply criticized for using what some people called inappropriate force against some protesters. It also follows a complaint over the lack of diversity in the Police Bureau's leadership ranks.

Three African American groups wrote a letter over the weekend saying the city's commitment to diversity "rings loud, hallow and tone deaf" considering an "all-white leadership team" under Resch. According to the Oregonian, the letter was signed by

leaders from Black Male Achievement, Word is Bond and the Coalition of Black Men.

During the news conference, Wheeler agreed the bureau hasn't done enough to support people of color for promotions and succession to leadership positions. Lovell said that his appointment was completely unexpected and he's going to care about the community.

Lovell, 46, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and a former member of the U.S. Air Force, served as a school resource officer in Portland from 2007 to 2011 and rose to the rank of lieutenant. He served as an executive assistant to Outlaw during her tenure as chief and for Resch he oversaw a new community outreach division.

Lovell was able to gain the trust of students at Jefferson by dealing with problems with compassion and a steady level-headedness,

according to Antoinette Edwards, who recently retired as director of the city's Office of Youth Violence and Prevention.

"He has real humanity," she told the Oregonian.

Daryl Turner, the black president of the Portland Police Association, released a statement saying he looks forward to working with Lovell as the bureau "heads into a new era in policing and continues to evolve and grow along with the needs of the diverse community we protect and serve."

Resch, a police officer for 20 years in Portland, had been chief for just six months. She plans to stay employed with the bureau. In December she replaced former Portland Police Chief Daniel Outlaw, the city's first black female police chief, after Outlaw moved to take command of the police department in Philadelphia.

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schools.

The decision will impact all of Portland's high schools and include Parkrose and Reynolds High Schools.

"Leaders must listen and respond to community," he said. "We must disrupt the patterns of racism and injustice."

In conjunction with Wheeler's decision, Portland Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero agreed he

would discontinue the regular presence of school resource officers in all of the district's high schools, pledging to invest in more social workers, counselors and culturally specific support for students.

For years, advocates for police reform have called on schools and local governments to remove armed officers from local high schools, including Portland City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, the first black female member of the Portland City Council.

Hardesty had earlier proposed defunding \$1.6 million from the police bureau's budget for the school resource officer program that provides for 11 armed police officers to patrol the halls of the city's 11 high schools.

Police officers on regular patrols will still respond to emergency calls from school campuses regardless of the program's fate, officials said.

The COVID -19 Pandemic

I feel like I'm stuck my whole life now messed up

I went from waking up and accomplishing my goals to laying in bed thinking about the dead

How many lives have been taken from something in disguise? What's in the win for us? Is it all just for a prize?

We got some cluck duck as a president making me wanna look at my amendments

We got a right to free speech and I'll tell you right now duck I hate you with everything I preach

I'm laying in bed contemplating in my head why there's a conspiracy theory that you're the one to blame and this is just a game

We are the pawns to your board game and you have us right where you want us obeying and bending down while you the king sits on the couch holding his crown.

I guess that's what I get for blaming the one above us

Dear god if you're out there I don't think I believe

I don't know how you could let something like this happen. You have me on my knees.

I pray and pray this all goes away but the truth of the matter is it's not and that's not okay.

I've spent eighteen years waiting for my freedom and now that I have it it's taken away

I feel i've been stripped and used for play

My senior year like most was something I was looking forward to now it's something I wanna fast forward to twelve years of fun, laughing, making friends, crying, and playing the dog ate my homework game for a diploma and a walk across the strange but now that has to wait

I might come off as mad but it's because I am

Out of six years of working non stop my life now on pause my biggest sigh is not being able to say goodbye to the kids I taught the laugh and cries I'll never miss my performances with my little look alikes

Although this is sad i'm quite glad this happened because i'll never take anything for granted again

This opened my eyes to see more than the sky and more of what life looks like when time is stopped and life as we know it becomes a date in history that people will never forget.

--Amaya Krasnitz

A Year that Went Astray

I wasn't expecting the senior year to end this way

With coronavirus, it went astray

From vacay to decay,

Our spring break of delay

Never ended and felt like it was stuck on a replay

With summer comes jobs and new lives to start

Hope we stay friends together and don't grow apart

I'll go to college for arts

I hope I can get a good start

So I can sing songs and reach the top of the charts

-- Gavin Shaefer

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