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MLK EVENT SPOTLIGHT

January 13th

MLK Day of Service at BHOB
Bethlehem House of Bread
9055 SW Locust St, Tigard, OR
9AM - 12PM

Don't Shoot Portland:
Reclaim MLK Community Printmaking
PNCA
511 NW Broadway Portland, OR
11 AM - 2PM

January 14th

King Clean-Up Day!
Portland Covenant Church
4046 NE MLK Jr Blvd, Portland, OR
10 AM - 12 PM

January 15th

The Skanner Foundation,
38th Annual MLK Breakfast
Oregon Convention Center
777 NE MLK Jr Blvd, Portland, OR
8:30AM - 10:30 AM

Annual Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Highland Christian Center
7600 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR
1PM - 4 PM

Annual MLK Jr. Tribute Screening of KING:
A FILMED RECORD (1970)
The Clinton St. Theater
2522 SE Clinton St.
7PM

MLK Day of Service at Lents Park
Lents Park
4808 SE 92nd Ave, Portland, OR
10AM - 1 PM

LOCAL NEWS

PPS Superintendent Update

School Board appoints Veteran Educator

The Portland Public Schools Board of Education unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Sandy Husk, who has 18 years of experience as a public school superintendent and a track record of promoting and supporting student achievement and equity, as the interim superintendent for Portland Public Schools. She starts February 12 providing a short transition before Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero wraps up his tenure on February 16.

"I'm pleased to be in a position where I can use my professional experience to contribute to student success in Portland," Husk said. "My job will be to provide continuity and support for policies, programs and a budget that strengthen learning for all students in Portland Public Schools. I believe the central

office exists to support what goes on in every school."

Immediate tasks awaiting Husk include working with the Board and PPS staff to rebuild relationships after a month-long teacher strike and implementing the new contract in partnership with the Portland Association of Teachers, finalizing contracts with other represented employees, managing the Spring budget adoption process, including advising on needed budget cuts, continuing the modernization of Benson and the planning for Jefferson High School as well as the Center for Black Student Excellence. Portland Public Schools also is expected to ask voters in May to renew a local option levy to pay for at least 800 teachers annually.

She has maintained active involvement in national educational organizations, including as interim CEO for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, which helps classroom teachers, principals



Dr. Sandy Husk Brings Track Record of Supporting School Teams to Improve Student Achievement and Equity

and superintendent learn and apply new teaching strategies. During 2023, Husk served in education-related executive-in-residence roles while working remotely from her home in Sisters, Oregon. She plans to live in Portland while serving as interim superintendent.

Strengthening Public Safety

PCC Names New Director of Public Safety

Portland Community College has announced the appointment of Jace Smith as the Director of Public Safety, effective January 29, 2024. With an extensive background spanning non-profits, private sector, NGOs, and government agencies, Smith brings a wealth of experience and leadership to his new role. He said he is excited to join the college and further strengthen the public safety effort.

"I applied to PCC because I love Oregon and the position seemed a good fit for my skills, talents, and experience," he said. "There is an opportunity to build on the work that has already been done and to serve a new community."

Smith's career highlights include leadership positions in police departments, teaching at colleges and universities, and notable contributions to public safety and law enforcement. His most recent role was as the Public Safety Senior Director of Patrol Operations at Broward College, where he oversaw more than 70 employees across seven cities and 11 sites, focusing on patrol operations,



Jace Smith is excited to join the college and previously served as Broward College's Public Safety Senior Director of Patrol Operations

crime prevention, community engagement, and training.

Prior to Broward College, Smith served as the Chief Public Safety Officer at Lane Community College in Eugene, holding the role for eight years. His responsibilities included serving as the Director of Emergency Management and making significant contributions to the college community's safety and security.

At Portland Community College, Smith will focus on enhancing the safety of the educational environment, maintaining a vis-

ible presence on campus properties, and strengthening relationships with college staff, students, and visitors. His diverse skill set and commitment to public safety make him a valuable addition to the college community.

"Jace Smith is incredibly enthusiastic about joining Portland Community College and is eager to contribute his expertise and passion to bolster our commitment to Public Safety at PCC," said Eric Blumenthal, Executive Vice President of PCC's Administration & Finance.