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Resolution to Designate October 2019 as National Principals Month in Portland Public Schools

- A. It is the mission of Portland Public Schools that every student by name is prepared for college, career and participation as an active community member, regardless of race, income or zip code
- B. Principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, managers of student behavior, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, our most valuable resource; and
- C. Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, they establish and achieve a school mission and vision relevant to students and staff, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and
- D. The professional responsibilities of school principals include building the leadership capacity of staff members and mentoring aspiring administrators; and
- E. School principals often need to manage numerous responsibilities, work extended hours, and make difficult decisions; and
- F. The success of a school depends on the principal's ability to work collaboratively with all stakeholder groups and establish positive relationships by building trust, practicing open communication, and building a restorative culture that emphasizes learning and growth for all stakeholders; and
- G. School principals effectively promote the success of students and staff through efficient management of the school's organization, operations and resources; and
- H. The Board of Education wishes to acknowledge the significant role that school principals have in creating and preserving high quality schools in our community;

The Board of Education designates October 2019 as National Principals Month and extends sincere appreciation to school principals for their individual and collective commitment to the success of all students in Portland Public Schools.