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**Tigard-Tualatin School District Names Andy Van Fleet new  
Principal of Fowler Middle School**

**Tigard, Oregon** – Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) Superintendent Dr. Sue Rieke-Smith announced today that Tigard High School Principal Andy Van Fleet will be the new principal at Fowler Middle School (FMS). Van Fleet steps into the role previously filled by Dan Busch who is leaving to take on the position of assistant superintendent with the Silver Falls School District. He will assume the position on July 1, 2019.

“Andy has been instrumental in systems at Tigard High School (THS) that address trauma and remove barriers for students resulting in a positive and measurable impact on student achievement,” said Superintendent Rieke-Smith. “We are thrilled that he will now put these systems into practice at the middle school level to address these barriers earlier, prior to students reaching high school. There is no doubt students and staff will benefit from his leadership.”

Van Fleet has been the principal of Tigard High School since 2014. Prior to joining TTSD, Andy was an assistant principal at Willamette High School in the Bethel School District and a teacher at Southridge High School in Beaverton School District. At THS, Andy has been recognized as a coach and mentor for staff. Under his leadership, THS celebrates strong gains from intentional practices with Special Education, Latin-x and economically disadvantaged students as evidenced in a 7% growth in THS’s graduation rate during his tenure.

“I am beyond excited to work with the families and students at Fowler who will eventually become Tigard Tigers,” said Van Fleet. “I understand the rigors of high school intimately. I believe I will be a crucial voice in helping striving middle school students see themselves as successful learners and put them in the best position for success in high school and beyond.”

Andy earned a BA of Arts and English from Oregon State University; a MA in Teaching from Pacific University; his initial Administrative Licensure from Lewis & Clark College and his Continuing Administrative Licensure from University of Oregon and Lewis & Clark College.

TTSD will begin an immediate search for a new principal at Tigard High School. Interested candidates are encouraged to visit [www.ttsdschools/employment](http://www.ttsdschools/employment).

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