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Three principal changes announced for 2007-2008

At their May 29, 2007 meeting, Everett's school board will take action on the recommendation of three new principals to work at Jefferson, Garfield and Hawthorne elementary schools. Each has a proven track record of success working with diverse and culturally rich populations and has shown strengths in developing strong learning communities, said Molly Ringo, executive director of human resources as she made the districtwide announcement today.

Concie Pedroza will replace Toby Brenner at Jefferson Elementary. Brenner announced earlier this month that he had accepted an elementary principal position in Lake Washington School District. Pedroza has been the assistant principal at both Emerson and Hawthorne elementary schools for the last year. Before coming to Everett, she was an elementary and bilingual teacher in Seattle.

Garfield Elementary welcomes **Shannon Arnim** as their new principal. Arnim has both elementary and middle school administrative experience in Shoreline and Franklin Pierce school districts. Shannon's principal experience includes three years at North City Elementary in Shoreline, and prior to that she was an assistant middle school principal in the Franklin Pierce School District. She brings valuable strengths from years of successful experiences in elementary basic and special education, mentoring, and leadership skills.

Sara Hahn will replace Betty Cobbs as the principal at Hawthorne Elementary. Cobbs announced this spring that she has accepted a position with the human resources office in Everett Public Schools. Hahn is moving to Everett from Oregon where she has been a principal for five years at Hallman Elementary. Hallman is a schoolwide Title I/bilingual Spanish school in Salem-Keizer Public Schools. In addition to this administrative experience, Hahn taught elementary school in Portland.