

RESOLUTION No. 5308

Intent to Open Tubman and Roseway Heights Middle Schools for 2017-18 School Year

RECITALS

1. Portland Public Schools has experienced seven consecutive years of student enrollment growth. When coupled with improved state and local funding, the district has seen an annual rise in the number of schools with an inadequate number of classroom and common spaces for teachers and students.
2. At the same time, many schools continue to have insufficient enrollment to sustainably provide core program offerings to all students without additional resources. This includes 18 K-8 schools that were reconfigured from K-5s and middle schools in 2005 and 2006.
3. In November 2014, PPS initiated a District-wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee (D-BRAC) to provide recommendations to the Superintendent on resolving overcrowding, under-enrollment and related population-based issues. After more than 20 public meetings, the committee recommended a system-wide shift to a mostly K-5 and middle school structure. Superintendent Smith accepted the D-BRAC recommendation and proposed a series of major configuration change for implementation between 2016 and 2019.
4. In April 2016, the PPS Board of Education unanimously approved resolution 5246, initiating the opening of Ockley Green Middle School in August 2016.
5. The Board of Education intends to open two additional middle schools in North and Northeast Portland in fall 2017.
 1. Harriet Tubman Middle School will open at 2231 N. Flint Avenue. The building is currently housing Faubion K-8 school.
 2. Roseway Heights Middle School will open at 7334 NE Siskiyou Street. It is currently a K- 8 school, but will convert to a middle school for grades 6-8.
6. Planning principals for these schools are included in the approved 2016-2017 budget.
7. The Board of Education intends to complete the initiation process for Tubman and Roseway Heights middle schools in winter 2017.
 1. Establish boundaries, elementary feeder schools, high school articulations and specialized program locations, utilizing the enrollment balancing values framework approved by the PPS Board of Education in October 2015.
 2. Receive and accept school initiation reports for each new school, in accordance with Policy 6.10.030-P.

RESOLUTION

1. The Board of Education intends to open Harriet Tubman Middle School and Roseway Heights Middle School in fall 2017.
2. The Board directs the staff to deliver school initiation reports and recommendations for school boundaries, feeder patterns and program locations by December 2017.
3. The Board acknowledges and appreciates the participation of D-BRAC, the Jefferson Cluster Visioning Committee, and of thousands of community members throughout the District-wide enrollment balancing process.