

Our Faubion, Our Future

3 to PhD™ Initiative With Concordia University

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What is the opportunity?

The opportunity of this project is to demolish the existing school building and start with a clean site to create a **new model for education** by constructing a new Faubion PK-8 School with wrap-around services along with Concordia University's College of Education.

What does this new model of education look like?

"3 to PhD™" is the name you'll hear describing this effort. 3 to PhD™ aims to create safer, healthier and more educated communities – from early learning to *Pursuing one's Highest Dreams* (PhD). It is a new concept and unique to this partnership, and it is intended to serve as a sustainable model to be replicated elsewhere. Visit <http://www.3toPhD.com>.

Where are we in the process?

We have completed the Master Plan, which included more than 20 community meetings. We are currently in the Schematic Design phase. The master planning created the vision and primary concepts for the project. Schematic Design is further refining and defining appearance, materials, layout and costs. Public input has been and will continue to be important in this stage of the project.

What has been done so far for the Faubion Rebuild project?

- An Agreement between PPS and Concordia University has been signed and establishes the guidelines to set the framework for the project. For more information please go to <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/faubion/690.htm>.
- PPS hired the design team led by BOORA Architects. The Master Plan was completed in March 2014 and approved by the Board in April 2014. The design process progressed half way through Schematic Design and the draft Land Use application by summer of 2014.
- Meetings held to date:
 - Faubion teachers and staff provided their input on the project
 - Project updates were given during Cup of Tea with Principal Lee (9/20/13 and 10/18/13, PTA Koffee Klatch, and ESL Parent meetings).

- 28 community engagement meetings, 9 Design Advisory Group (DAG) Meetings and 2 Public Design Workshops. Meeting minutes are posted on the [Faubion Rebuild website](#).
- Multiple meetings and forums at Concordia University for Concordia faculty, students, and staff.
- District Early Education Specification meetings attended by a diverse group, including Black Parent Initiative, Latino Network and others.
- Meetings with St. Michael's leadership

What is the role of community members in the process?

Members of the Faubion/Concordia community have been significantly involved in providing their opinion through public workshops with the Faubion design team. A volunteer Design Advisory Group was created to help refine the integration of community input. The DAG is made up of community members, Faubion teachers, parents, and students, Concordia professors, administrators, and students a School Board member, and a representative from the Special Education Department.

What is a Design Advisory Group (DAG) meeting?

A DAG meeting is a committee work session for DAG members to interact with the design team to help synthesize community input and provide additional details to the process. The public is welcome to attend these meetings.

What can I do to help the future of Faubion?

Get involved in this community process. Join us for upcoming public meetings and events to contribute your input. There is a Schematic Design Open House scheduled for Friday December 12th from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m in the Faubion Cafeteria. Please come and share your thoughts with the design team at that time.

What is Concordia University's role? Concordia University is partnering with Portland Public Schools as a collaborator in the design and operation of the project. Concordia will contribute land, resources and funding (between \$7.5 million and up to \$15.5 million) to the design and construction of Faubion PreK-8 School, Concordia's College of Education and wrap-around services.

What is the history of the partnership between Faubion and Concordia?

Concordia and Faubion have been neighbors for 63 years. During this time, many Concordia education students have completed part of their field experience at Faubion, including some current Faubion teachers.

The partnership intensified seven years ago in order to support student learning at Faubion. Concordia provides 200+ student volunteers each semester to help tutor and mentor Faubion students in the classrooms,

facilitate structured recess, teach in the SUN program, assist art lessons, and student nurses support Faubion's health and wellness focus.

Working with Faubion teachers, Concordia students' have helped improve learning outcomes for Faubion students in reading, math and science and dramatically reduced playground discipline referrals. This is a unique opportunity to collaborate on a broader level to help improve student outcomes so all children may pursue their highest dreams.

What will the bond money pay for (vs. what Concordia will pay for)?

\$27.5 million from Portland Public's School Improvement Bond will go toward this rebuild project. In addition to the bond money, Concordia will contribute no less than \$7.5 million, and up to \$15 million, and will also provide additional land to the project site. Concordia's contribution will support its College of Education to be co-located on-site, as well as additional services for Faubion families, including the proposed early childhood education center and a health & wellness center.

Where will Faubion students be located during construction?

Tubman Middle School at 2231 N. Flint will serve the students, teachers, staff and Concordia volunteers during the demolition and reconstruction of the new Faubion PreK-8. Yellow school bus service will provide transportation to all Faubion students to this interim school location while construction takes place. Students will return to the newly rebuilt Faubion Pre-K-8 in September of 2017.

How does an early childhood education center fit in?

We are in the process of developing partnerships that would allow a new Early Childhood Center for children ages three or younger. Faubion currently has a long waiting list of pre-K students that cannot be currently served in its one existing pre-K class. Parents and families in the Concordia-Cully Neighborhood have great needs in the area of early childhood learning. Starting early provides young people a head start on learning that will help them thrive in school and life.

What is the plan for Health and Wellness?

Some Health & Wellness services are being considered to help support student learning for Faubion, a Title I School that already provides free and reduced lunch to 81% of its students. Also, non-profit partners and others have agreed to explore opportunities to partner with us to support the Health & Wellness of Faubion students and families.

What is the plan regarding a small-scale food club?

There is a potential to provide wholesome, organic food at low cost, and in a small space as part of the new facility and in partnership with Concordia University, to help specifically serve the Faubion community. It will be equipped to accept various methods of payment, including EBT. There will be more information coming as the planning process continues.

What's next for the project?

- PPS is continuing the schematic design process with BOORA architects in the fall of 2014.
- The Design Advisory Group is anticipated to meet again for project input in November 12th 2014...
- Schematic Design Open House is scheduled for Friday December 12th from 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. in the Faubion Cafeteria

Q: Why are PPS and the City collaborating on student transportation projects at bond schools?

A: Many public and private improvement projects include requirements to construct related transportation improvements as a part of the work. PPS and the City have agreed the City will design and construct any required transportation projects in the City's right-of-way. PPS provided \$5 million in bond funds to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) as the total cost of PPS' commitment for these projects. Our agreement prioritizes student transportation safety projects required as conditions of permit approvals associated with schools receiving full modernization (Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt High Schools) or replacement (Faubion PreK-8) Other summer improvement project school sites may also be included, as funds allow, to receive transportation improvements that support safe walking and biking to school.

How can I learn more about the project?

For more information please join our mailing list email: faubionreplacement@pps.net. Visit the [Faubion Rebuild website](#) for the Bond for updates and information about upcoming meetings and workshops. For additional information about the PPS School Building Improvement Bond [visit the main Bond website here](#).