

Dear Seniors and Parents and Guardians of our Seniors:

Congratulations on starting your final semester of high school!! What an exciting time!

As you are aware, our graduation ceremony is scheduled for **Thursday, June 5th 2025 at 7:30pm**. This year, Portland Public Schools has shifted to a new venue, Portland State University Viking Pavilion, for the graduation ceremonies of ten of its eleven in-district high schools. This is a change from the last four years, where graduations were celebrated at Providence Park.

There were many reasons for this change. First and foremost, we are no longer required to hold large events in outdoor settings. When we signed the multi-year contract with Providence Park that was a restriction. Being able to move indoors at PSU gives us fewer potential problems with rain or heat. It also allows us to hold rehearsals for students, provides better and cheaper parking options, and allows us to seat our students in front of the stage during the graduation ceremonies, which was not an option at Providence Park. Finally, the cost savings for the district are substantial.

The only drawback with the PSU venue is that the capacity for the guests of students is more limited than that of Providence Park. Tickets are free but we are limited to up to **5 guest tickets per graduate**. We recognize that for some of you this is more tickets than are necessary and for others, you truly need more. We are trying to address both issues in the best way possible and are asking each graduate to speak with their family to determine the number of tickets you will need. Please keep in mind that the entire ceremony will be available on livestream for those not attending in person.

*Once you have determined your number of tickets needed, please have your student **complete this ticket survey** by **3/14/2025**. This may **ONLY** be completed by your graduating senior with their PPS credentials .*

Our goal is to determine the actual needs of our families and respond to the best of our ability. Based on this survey, we hope to determine and notify families as soon as possible if any additional tickets are available. The physical tickets will be distributed during Senior Check-Out.

Thank you for responding to the form linked above by **Friday 3/14** and we look forward to this exciting time for your graduate!

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Broy, mbroy@pps.net.