

## Staff Report - Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### Participate at the Innovation Studio Summit on Jan. 29, and join the Innovation Studio Design Team!

The PPS Climate Justice team is embarking on a community engagement design process. The project aims to answer the question: *how can PPS create and support meaningful pathways to climate action, leadership opportunities, and climate community connection for students?*

And the first step is the *free* PPS Innovation Studio Summit on **Monday, January 29 from 8:30am-4pm** (lunch will be provided) at the Left Bank Annex (101 N Weidler St. Portland, OR 97227)!

PPS is inviting **five high school students to join the project design team**. Students will serve on the design team alongside PPS staff and community based organizations that specialize in climate justice and youth empowerment. **This is a paid opportunity for students**, and will require an ongoing time commitment from the end of January through June.

If you are **interested in joining the design team or participating in some capacity with this design process**, email [climatejustice@pps.net](mailto:climatejustice@pps.net).

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### Join the Climate Justice Youth Advisory (CJYA) by Feb. 14!

The CJYA is a space for student climate leadership. This might look like more career support pathways, voice at district leadership, district support for clubs, school projects, and more!

As a CJYA member, you will get to have direct involvement with district leadership and decision making around PPS' Climate Crisis Response Policy. Advisory students will **meet every other Wednesday from 5-6 PM, at the Prophet Education Center (501 N. Dixon) starting Feb. 14.**

CJYA students will gain experience with organizing a large-scale event, the Spring Climate Summit at the end of May. Students will provide input on potential speakers and an overall theme for the Summit that resonates with them as well as their classmates.

**For more information, to sign up, or if you have any questions, please email:**  
[climatejustice@pps.net](mailto:climatejustice@pps.net).

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## PPS decarbonization roadmap: community listening sessions

PPS is asking for input from students, teachers, and community members about how to build a long-range plan to lower carbon emissions in our district. Decarbonizing the district will improve community health and comfort, resiliency, and student learning outcomes while lowering operating costs and reducing our carbon footprint.

The question we want help answering is: *“How can PPS most effectively implement GHG emissions reduction measures to give us the best chance of meeting our emissions goals, given financial, industry, and facility constraints, while considering historic inequities in the distribution of resources across PPS?”*

**Come with friends, teachers, or parents! For more information, to RSVP for an event, or if you have feedback or questions, please email: [decarbonization@pps.net](mailto:decarbonization@pps.net)**