

End Of The School Year Change:

Dear PPS Families and Staff,

Last month, we shared with you in a message that the Oregon Education Association designated May 8 as a statewide “Day of Action.” From our communications with Portland Association of Teachers and our principals, we now have an estimate of how many teachers intend to be absent on that date in order to advocate for full funding of K-12 public schools. We have a clear indication that the number of teacher absences will exceed our ability to safely open and operate our schools. Because student safety is our highest priority, **all PPS schools will be closed on May 8, 2019.**

A few exceptions will apply:

- Outdoor School will remain open and uninterrupted the entire week of May 6-10.
- Night classes will continue as regularly scheduled on May 8.
- Previously scheduled A.P. and I.B. testing will continue as planned on May 8.

To make up the instructional hours lost on May 8, **the last day of school for PPS students will now be June 12.** We will need to utilize the third and final designated makeup day identified on the 2018-19 district calendar.

For grade 12 students, **the last instructional day for seniors will move from May 30 to May 31.** In addition, we plan to ask the PPS Board of Education to approve an exception this year for seniors. This exception will enable PPS to meet the total mandated instructional hours required by the State of Oregon for grade 12 students. We are currently confirming that athletic competitions, arts performances and other events scheduled in the late afternoon or evening of May 8 will continue as planned. Should we need to cancel events, we will follow up with affected school communities and participants. Additionally, we will share the Board’s decision on the exception for seniors.

Finally, a note for families who currently use child care services in PPS buildings: Please contact your child care provider to determine whether they will be offering services on May 8.

We thank you for your flexibility as we work to minimize any impact on students due to the cancelation of classes on May 8.