

MEETING AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE 19

Dear Wilson Community, The end of the school year is upon us and I hope it has been a good year for you and your family.

You are invited to a meeting at Wilson High School in the library on Tuesday June 19 from 6 pm to 8 pm to learn about and weigh in on next steps to modernize Portland schools. It is time to make your voice heard! The Portland School Board will decide **July 9** whether to go out for another capital bond this November to upgrade Portland's school buildings and which schools will go in the first of many bond packages needed to modernize all of the schools. This week, PPS will release the latest potential bond package options, part of a public process in which citizens advisory committees and community feedback have helped shape the criteria for a potential next bond and which schools would go first using that criteria. (See news coverage)

Feedback is still being taken by the board! (See news coverage) That's why Wilson cluster principals are joining with parent leaders from the PPS advisory committees to host Tuesday's meeting. We have also invited school board members to attend. (All clusters are hosting these meetings to be sure everyone has the chance to be informed and share their views.)

At the meeting you can:

- Learn about the process that has unfolded this year to shape the next possible bond.
- Learn about and share your opinion on the newest recommendations for a bond, including which schools would be rebuilt first, and how we got here.

Got enough information already? You can also testify before the school board at the following board meetings:

- Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm, Board Auditorium, 501 N. Dixon Street
- Monday, July 9 at 5 pm, Board Auditorium, 501 N. Dixon Street
- *On July 9, board is scheduled to vote on whether to move forward with a bond.*

Call the School Board Office at 503-916-3906 to sign up in advance to testify.

The bond discussion is about more than modernizing our schools to better support learning. It's about connecting our schools, our parents and community members to improve public education for our children and for the betterment of our city.

Help us spread the word and I hope to see you on the 19th at Wilson.

Sue Brent, Principal, Wilson High School
Beth Madison, Principal, Robert Gray Middle School
John Ferraro, Principal, Jackson Middle School
Pam Wilson, Principal, Capitol Hill Elementary School
Deanne Froehlich, Principal, Hayhurst/Odyssey School
Annie Tabshy, Principal, Maplewood Elementary School
Shawn Garnett, Principal, Markham Elementary School
Andrea Porter, Principal, Rieke Elementary School
Thu Truong, Principal, Stephenson Elementary School