

Budget Strategies in Response to Economic Forecast

Preserving District Priorities

Portland Public Schools

Board of Education

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Our Budget Outlook, Two Months Ago

- **General Funds** projected at current service level
- **Local Option Tax** of \$99M annually, passed by voters at 72%, to support 900 FTE providing direct instruction to students
- **Measure 98** full-funding of \$11M to support high school & CTE programming
- **Student Investment Account** with \$39M available; application submitted early
- **Bond 2020** initial planning for continued investments in safety, security, and school modernizations
- **Bond Sale*** (April) resulted in \$68M in additional revenue for capital projects

*Closed on the remaining \$441m of 2017 voter-approved bond



Measure 98: High School Student Success Plan

Measure 98 for 2020-21 was projected at \$11 Million to establish or expand:

- Career and technical education programs
- College-level educational opportunities for students
- Dropout-prevention strategies in high schools



Student Investment Account

PPS SIA Funding for 2020-21 was projected at \$39 Million, to support:

- Increased **academic supports** and targeted interventions for our most vulnerable and historically underserved students
- Increased **social emotional, mental** and **behavioral health** supports
- More optimal **student-teacher ratios & class sizes** across many grade levels
- Expansion of **elective courses** at comprehensive middle schools and K-8's
- More equitable access to **arts education**, especially in historically underserved school communities
- **Culturally specific student & family supports** and expanded community partnerships
- **Curriculum** materials & **Professional Development** for educators



Current Services During Pandemic

Supporting our Students & Families

- **Distance Learning:** developed and implementing PPS-HD plan per Governor's Executive Order in response to school closure
- **Curriculum:** materials continuously available, online and in hard copy
- **Seniors:** focus on supporting 12th graders meeting graduation requirements
- **Special Education and Migrant Ed Students:** specialized supports
- **Technology:** over 15,000 laptops distributed, and Internet access provided to 700 students needing access
- **Nutrition:** over 300,000 meals provided to students at 15 Hub sites
- **First Responder Childcare:** Rieke open for healthcare professionals needing child care



New Budget Reality in State of Oregon and for PPS

State School Fund Budget: \$9.00 Billion or 38%

Each \$1 Billion Loss in State Revenue
= \$30 Million

Loss in PPS State School Fund Revenue

Salary and benefits are approximately 80% of PPS budget

- This magnitude of a budget shortfall will require elimination of positions across the system with significant impacts in classrooms.



Our Response to Upcoming Negative Budget Outlook:

Cost-Cutting Measures already in place:

- Purchasing restrictions
- Scaling back on year-long contracts
- Travel ban
- Hiring freeze

Additional cost cutting strategies...



“Partial Furlough” - Close on Fridays through End of July

- **For students:**

- Home-based distance learning Monday through Thursday.
- Add 3 *inclement weather days* June 8, 9, 10 for student instruction.

- **For families and staff:**

- District offices are open Monday through Thursday through end of school year and most of summer.

- **For district budget and State of Oregon:**

- Federal funds through CARES Act returned to Oregon taxpayers and state economy *now* (expires July 31).
- Preserves about 20% of district salary costs *now* for use in 2020-21.



Implications for Student Instructional Time

- Adding previously scheduled “inclement weather make-up days” of June 8, 9, and 10 as part of this furlough plan results in a net loss of only two instructional days for students this spring.
- Two fewer distance learning days now = at least \$10 million in budgetary benefits and fewer classroom impacts in 2020-21.

Maintaining our District Focus during an Uncertain Economic Future

- Our **vision**, *PPS reimagined*, remains our North Star
- Our emerging multi-year **strategic plan**, remains our roadmap
- We scale-down the scope of our strategies & activities for the coming school year, but remain focused on **prioritized system shifts**:
 - A Connected and Transformative School District
 - Racial Equity Aligned Systems and Structures
 - Cultivating System-Wide Learning and a Diverse Workforce
 - Transformative Curriculum and Pedagogy
 - A Culture of Physical and Emotional Safety

