

**RESOLUTION No. 6082**

Approval of Head Start Policy Council Recommendation

**RECITALS**

1. Federal requirements call for the Governing Board of a Head Start program to approve recommendations for the program.
2. The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools serves as the Governing Board for the PPS Head Start Program.
3. Portland Public Schools Policy Council recommends the approval of the annual report

**RESOLUTION**

The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools, School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon, approves the Head Start Policy Council recommendations as stated above.



## PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### OFFICE OF HEAD START

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**Date:** March 3, 2020

**To:** PPS School Board

**From:** Emily Glasgow, Director Early Learner Programs  
Eileen Isham, Co-Director PPS Head Start  
Robert Canwell, Co-Director PPS Head Start

**Subject:** Head Start Board Resolution Request

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### **BACKGROUND**

PPS Head Start has the opportunity through the Student Success Act (SSA) Early Learner Account to apply for continuation of our Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK) grant with enhanced funding. OPK is state-funded Head Start that currently funds 463 of our total 760 district Head Start slots. Through the new SSA RFA process, PPS Head Start will be able to maintain our current number of slots with quality program enhancements.

### **RELATED POLICIES/BEST PRACTICES**

The increase in funds will support areas identified in the Act including:

- Converting double session classrooms to extended day.
- Staff retention
- Infrastructure

### **ANALYSIS OF SITUATION**

This application serves as our annual OPK grant renewal application, but also provides an exciting opportunity to enhance our current program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The OPK allocation per child will increase from \$9432.00 to \$12,522. The additional allocation/child will be used to enhance our services and retention of staff.

There are no additional costs to the district.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

The PPS Head Start Parent Policy Council Budget committee will meet with Head Start Administrators to review the annual Head Start Community Needs Assessment and other documentation in order to make informed recommendations for use of the enhancement funds.

**TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION**

The SSA OPK RFA is due to the state on April 2, 2020. The state will announce awards in early May 2020. Funded enhancements will be implemented in fall of 2020.

**BOARD OPTIONS WITH ANALYSIS**

In accordance with Head Start Performance Standards, we are requesting approval to apply for these funds to maintain and enhance service levels to PPS Head Start families.

**CONNECTION TO BOARD GOALS**

Head Start is a targeted intervention that provides our most marginalized and underserved families free access to high-quality preschool. This early intervention supports our district's 3rd grade reading benchmarks.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Head Start administrative staff and Parent Policy Council are requesting that the PPS Board approve the request to apply for the SSA/OPK funds by April 2, 2020.

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*As a member of the PPS Executive Leadership Team, I have reviewed this staff report.*

     *KC* (Initials)

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Kregg Cuellar
- B. Luis Valentino
- C. Leslie O'Dell

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