



Dear PPS Communities,

On **February 9th and 10th, 2020**, community members are invited to attend Community Feedback Sessions on PPS Enrollment Policies under review. As Portland Public Schools focuses on orienting our school system towards providing every student with an equitable, inspired, intellectually rigorous educational experience, the Board of Education and the Superintendent will launch an enrollment and program balancing process to optimize the use of facilities within the school district while supporting our efforts to reimagine the school experience for students - particularly at the middle grades. During this process beginning in the Spring, staff will develop recommendations for enrollment and program balancing in Portland Public Schools based on identified goals.

Why is PPS facilitating an enrollment balancing process?

1. To help support the eventual Redesign of PPS Middle School programs that includes reconfiguration of identified K-8 neighborhood schools to K-5 elementary schools and 6-8 new comprehensive middle schools while maintaining regional K-8 school options to support program pathway continuity (for example: IB PYP to MYP and dual immersion language pathways).
2. Optimize Use of Facilities at PK-12 to address under-enrollment and over enrollment, and to begin phasing out portable classrooms when possible to create connected, safer schools.
3. Minimize Program Co-Locations of facilities between co-located programs and neighborhood schools at K-5, K-8 and 6-8 schools.

Prior to the Process:

Prior to beginning this process in the Spring, PPS will review enrollment and student assignment policies to infuse a lens of racial equity & social justice, and review the legacy “sibling preference” rule after hearing reflections from the community. During the month of February, focus groups, public sessions, and scheduled Board of Education Policy Committee Meetings are opportunities for interested stakeholders to provide feedback in the process.

Upcoming Opportunities

1. Mini-Community Summit

February 9, 2020 | 11:00am-2:00pm

Louiza PDX | 2808 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Suite B, Portland, OR 97212



2. Community Feedback Night, co-sponsored by Southeast Uplift

February 10, 2020 | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Grout School (cafeteria) | 3119 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

In addition, a survey is open for public input on the policies. [Click here](#) to participate, and review a 1-pager [summary of the policies](#) under review here.

Please reach Shanice Clarke (sclarke@pps.net) with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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