



Jefferson HS Modernization / Project Update / February, 2024

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This message is part of a regular series of updates from the Jefferson Project team to keep you informed as the Jefferson Modernization project moves through its reassessment phase. You can read previous updates [here](#).

Since [our last update](#), the project team has been working with the design team to test how different site and building layouts can accommodate the education and athletic space requirements, both during construction and for the permanent buildings. These reviews have also included working closely with PPS Athletics, because the larger spaces needed for fields and gyms drive other design decisions. The project contractor has also been participating to advise how construction would occur for different layouts.

Looking at different layouts has also helped the project team identify questions about City Building Codes that we will raise at our upcoming Early Assistance conference with the City of Portland. These include questions about the design review process, building and site setbacks, development standards, and City requirements for transportation, water and sewer infrastructure related to the site.

The project team provided a [brief update to the School Board on January 23](#). The team confirmed that it will provide a revised plan to the Board's Facilities & Operations Committee on March 20, and to the full School Board on April 2. The revised plan will include a rough cost estimate.

Some members of the community have expressed concern that Jefferson will now become the last high school to be modernized. The School Board's Facilities & Operations Committee has been clear with the Jefferson Project team and the community that Jefferson will be the next high school modernization to be completed.