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### **PPS Superintendent, Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, to Deliver Bold Call to Action at 2025–26 School Year Launch**

**August 4, 2025 (Portland)** - Portland Public Schools (PPS) will officially kick off the 2025–26 school year with a keynote address from Superintendent Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, delivered before an audience of more than 1,000 educators, staff members, PPS Board Directors, elected officials, and a very special guest.

The event sets the tone for the year ahead, as Dr. Armstrong delivers a powerful send-off rooted in urgency, unity, and an unshakable belief in what's possible for Portland's students.

Her remarks will unveil the district's sharpened academic priorities and reaffirm PPS's commitment to its **Continuous Improvement Plan**, which centers on four high-impact focus areas: early literacy, middle-grade math, attendance and enrollment, and on-time high school graduation. The plan serves as both compass and commitment, grounding every school in data-informed strategies while centering the humanity of our students.

**WHEN: Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM (8 AM arrival is strongly encouraged)**

**\*\*Media availability with Superintendent Armstrong immediately following.**

**WHERE:** Benson High School, 546 NE 12th Ave, Portland, OR 97232

**WHO:** Superintendent Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, Sr. Chief of Academics and Schools, Kristina Howard

**Photo Availability:** Superintendent keynote, principals leaving to breakout sessions (no filming while they are in sessions) and a few moments with the special guest.

Please RSVP to Valerie Feder at [vfeder@pps.net](mailto:vfeder@pps.net) or 917.923.3638

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