



## **Board Will Consider Turning November 12 into a Professional Development Day, with No Classes for Students**

The PPS Board of Education, at its meeting on Tuesday, October 26, will consider making Friday, November 12 into a professional development day for teachers, with no classes for students. Because November 11 is a federal holiday, Veterans Day, students would have a four-day weekend.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, PPS delayed professional development and learning for educators who were focused on implementing health and safety measures.

“With the demands brought on by this pandemic to start the school year, our educators haven’t had opportunities to learn and grow together, which we believe better serves our students,” said Dr. Cheryl Proctor, PPS Chief Academic Officer. “Our educators need time to build deep connections with our new curriculum, including building the key instructional practices that will enhance teaching and learning in every PPS classroom.”

Under state rules, the PPS Board is authorized to include up to 30 hours of professional development time annually as required instructional time. The Board will consider and vote on the matter Tuesday. If you would like to offer comment, please email [PublicComment@pps.net](mailto:PublicComment@pps.net) or call the Board Office at 503-916-3741. A live-stream of the meeting will be available on the [PPS YouTube page](#).