



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PPS Board of Education Work Session  
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**2019 Local Option Levy Renewal**



# History and Background

- Passed by 70% of voters in November 2014
- Rate: \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- Estimated to generate \$100 million for 2020-21 and grow to \$112 million in 2024-25
- Intended to support a minimum of 640 teaching positions



# Collections and Certified Positions Funded

- 2015-16: \$76.6 Million = 757 teaching positions
- 2016-17: \$84.1 Million = 827 teaching positions
- 2017-18: \$89.7 Million = 790 teaching positions
- 2018-19: \$93.3 Million = 870 teaching positions

Local option levy supports approximately 30% of teaching positions



# Collections and Positions to be Funded

Projections for 2019-20:

\$96.1 Million to fund an estimated 800 teaching positions



# Staff Recommendation

Refer local option levy to voters at the current rate (\$1.99/\$1,000 assessed value) for another 5 year term

- Ensures collections remain below state threshold
- Preserves PPS' allocation of State School Fund revenues
- Sustains the equitable staffing model for schools



# Staff Recommendation

Ask voters:

Shall district maintain teaching positions and educational programs, renew existing levy of one dollar and ninety nine cents per thousand dollars of assessed value?



# Next Steps

August 13: Board of Education considers referral to ballot

August 16: Draft ballot title due to Multnomah County

September 5: Measure filing deadline

September 9: Voters' pamphlet statements due

November 5: General election