



2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Short-Session Funding Priorities

- \$50 million for summer 2024 academic programs
 - Many students are still struggling academically, emotionally, and socially in the pandemic. Additional funding from the state can support PPS in offering summer learning opportunities through our summer acceleration academies and school-community partnerships.
- \$22 million for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) programs
 - These programs provide required services to youth 0-5. Referrals decreased during the pandemic, but with caseloads now increasing, \$22 million is needed to shore up the program.
- \$6 million for Regional Inclusive Services (RIS)
 - Regional Inclusive Services work in collaboration with Local School Districts, Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) programs, Families, and Community Agencies to provide specialized educational support for children who experience low-incidence disabilities. An additional investment of \$6 million will ensure that the program is able to provide the level of services and support students need.

Short-Session Policy Priorities

- Youth Collaborative: PPS supports legislation that will establish a youth advisory committee, made up of members of each ESD region, at the Department of Education in the Senate Omnibus bill.
- Community Eligibility Provision: PPS supports legislation that requires the Oregon Department of Education to adopt administrative rules that align with a recent federal USDA rule expanding the Community Eligibility Provision, which would increase the number of schools that offer school meals, free of charge, to all students.