

RESOLUTION No. 6421

Acceptance of the Long-Range Facility Plan

RECITALS

- A. In September 2020, the Portland Public Schools began a long-range facility planning effort. This planning effort is an update of the 2012 Long-Range Facility Plan.
- B. The 2021 Long-Range Facility Plan synthesizes three primary considerations: educational program vision, enrollment and capacity, and facility condition. These considerations are guided by the community-developed vision, Portland Public Schools reimagined, which was established by the District and informed by input from the broader District community. In addition to the District's vision, the Long-Range Facility Plan is grounded in, and developed in coordination with the District's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan for Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Excellence, the PPS Racial Equity and Social Justice Lens, the Portland Public Schools Energy & Sustainability Standards, the Middle School Redesign, the draft ADA Transition Plan and a community proposed Climate Crisis Response plan.
- C. Community voice was central throughout the process, and continued dialogue with community members will be essential to the plan's success. Outreach to understand the perceptions, experiences, and aspirations of diverse groups of District stakeholders included students, teachers, parents, and community members. A racial equity model of inquiry was used to illuminate the diverse perceptions and experiences of our community.
- D. Student input was sought through close coordination with District elementary, middle and high school teachers, and other student groups. Affinity groups were organized to enable groups of people to come together around common social identities, including race and cultural backgrounds, fostering a sense of comfort in sharing stories and generating ideas for long-range facility planning efforts. These approaches supported inclusive engagement through empowering the voice of historically excluded or tokenized communities in traditional outreach methods.
- E. The community outreach plan included 13 community dialogue sessions and two classroom sessions conducted in early 2021. The District actively recruited participants for these sessions via the District's website, email listservs, community newsletters, and social media posts. Additionally, key organizations received personalized invitations to contribute to the process, including the District's RESJ partners. Across all of the dialogue sessions, 51% of participants were BIPOC, and 31% of participants were middle or high school students. Finally, the District collected multiple online surveys and leadership interest forms via the District website.
- F. All large school districts in Oregon are required to complete a Long-Range Facility Plan every ten years.

- G. The Long-Range Facility Plan will be used to plan for future capital improvements within the context of current educational vision and student enrollment trends over the next 10 to 15 years and provides a strategic framework to be tested against community voice and vision prior to future bond campaigns.

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1. The Board affirms the premise of the plan and its alignment with the District's vision of Portland Public Schools reImagined and the 2021-2025 Strategic plan for Racial Equity, Inclusion and Excellence.
2. The Board affirms the goals, guiding principles and methodologies of the 2021 Long-Range Facility Plan as the basis for planning capital investments in District facilities and future bond planning.
3. The Board of Education extends its sincere gratitude to everyone who gave their time, energy, and ideas to this Long-Range Facility Plan, and the community outreach, which elevated the voices of communities of color and student voices using a Racial Equity and Social Justice Lens. The contributions of so many diverse individuals from across the community, including District leadership, teachers, parents, and other community members, helped create a Plan that reflects the needs and aspirations of the Portland Public Schools and its community.
4. The Board hereby accepts the 2021 Long-Range Facility Plan as recommended by the Superintendent.