



PPS School Board Elections

- Currently board elections require candidates to live in a particular “zone” but are elected at-large, which can disenfranchise voters and candidates of color
- Smaller voting areas level the playing field because candidates have to reach a smaller number of voters, which is much less expensive
- Board members better reflect the children and families PPS serves





How can we increase access to more candidates for the PPS Board?

- Reform our process by limiting voting to defined zones within the district
- In 2019 the state legislature enacted ORS 255.400 (HB 3310)
 - Prohibits districts from conducting elections that would impair members of a protected class from having equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice
- 2020 Census: every 10 years, after Census Data is available, PPS is required to redraw its boundaries. 2020 Census Data is expected in second half of 2021.





Next Steps

- Develop a project plan to include a project team consisting of staff, board members, and robust community engagement
- Consult with experts on data analysis and potential electoral system structures
- Work with county election offices for guidance and timing
- Bring forth options and recommendations to the Board by the end of the calendar year

