

**Portland Public Schools
CBRC Annual Local Option Levy Review
May 13, 2022**

Overview

The Community Budget Review Committee (CBRC) conducted a general review of Portland Public Schools (PPS) expenditures of the Local Option Levy (Levy) funds approved by voters in November 2019. Measure 26-207 mandates independent citizen oversight to ensure tax dollars are used for purposes approved by local voters. The review period for this report is expenditures from the prior school year, **FY21-22**.

CBRC examined Levy data to determine the use of funds in the following areas:

1. Help maintain and lower class sizes that permit more individual attention for students;
2. Help to support a well-rounded program, with enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students; and
3. Provide funding equivalent to at least the 825 teaching positions initially projected.

Findings

CBRC finds in FY21-22 that all Levy funds are being spent as approved by voters.

With respect to the use of Levy funds for maintaining teaching positions, PPS has received \$99,269,534 as of April 1, 2022, from Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas Counties. Based on the 2021-22 receipts and an average teacher cost of \$116,883 (salary, taxes, and benefits), Levy funds will support approximately 851 teaching positions for FY21-22. This meets the Levy goal of supporting at least 825 teaching positions. At the same time last year, the Levy funded approximately 873 teachers.

With the help of Levy, funding PPS has been able to maintain smaller class sizes than would be the case with state funding alone. Appended to this report is a summary of how many teachers were funded by the local option levy at each school for the 2020-21 school year.

The Levy is also designed to help support teaching positions and classroom support at every school in the district. Since the Levy was renewed in November 2019, the following actions have been implemented by the District to begin providing additional support as a result of the added staffing outlined above:

- Represent approximately one-third of all teaching positions in Portland Public Schools.

- Teach core classes, as well as enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students.
- Teach career and technical programs and STEM programs, including computer science education, and college and career readiness skills.
- Provide specialized academic support for students, in areas such as reading and math.

Effective with FY13-14, PPS established a procedure adopted for the federal stimulus funds and which was acceptable to the federal government whereby Levy funds are placed in a “sub-account” within the General Fund and can only be used to pay teachers’ salaries and benefits. This provision was written into Measure 26-207’s Explanatory Statement and is part of the current Levy language. The Local Option Levy Funds for FY21-22 have been deposited into this sub-account.

Finally, the Levy language continues to require independent community oversight to ensure that tax dollars are used as approved by local voters. The PPS Board of Education has appointed CBRC as the community oversight body to perform this function.

CBRC would like to take this opportunity to again thank the voters for approving this vital funding source for Portland Public Schools that will help ensure that our students continue to receive benefits from the additional teachers, lower class sizes, and enriched classroom offerings afforded as a result of our Local Option Levy. The Local Option Levy helps mitigate the state’s failure to adequately fund K-12 education.

The following CBRC members respectfully submit this report to the PPS Board of Education:

- Roger Kirchner, Chair/Committee Member
- Renee Anderson, Committee Member
- Lisa Selman, Committee Member
- Elona Wilson, Committee Member
- Parker Myrus, Student Member
- Hobbs Waters, Student Member

2020-21 General Fund Local Option Levy Staffing By School

Portland Public Schools expends the Local Option Levy funds approved by voters in November 2014 by way of Measure 26-161 (and in 2019, renewed by voters for another 5 year term).

Levy funds are used in the following areas: to help maintain and lower class sizes that permit more individual attention for students; to help to support a well-rounded program, with enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students; provide additional support for students, such as targeted instruction from specialists. The levy will accomplish this by funding an estimated average of 825 teaching positions per year over the 5 year window.

School / Department	FY20-21 Audited Enrollment	General Fund Staff	Without Levy	Local Option Levy
All PPS	44,186	3,079.00	2,206.00	873.00

School Name	FY20-21 Audited Enrollment	General Fund Staff	Without Levy	Local Option Levy
Abernethy	451	23.00	16.00	7.00
Ainsworth	594	29.00	20.00	9.00
Alameda	623	30.00	20.00	10.00
Arleta	485	30.00	22.00	8.00
Atkinson	390	21.00	15.00	6.00
Beach	382	25.00	18.00	7.00
Boise-Eliot	327	20.00	14.00	6.00
Bridger	514	34.00	24.00	10.00
Bridlemile	437	22.00	15.00	7.00
Buckman	446	24.00	17.00	7.00
Capitol Hill	346	18.00	12.00	6.00
Chapman	375	22.00	15.00	7.00
Chief Joseph	305	19.00	14.00	5.00
Creston	385	22.00	16.00	6.00
Duniway	468	22.00	15.00	7.00
Forest Park	348	17.00	11.00	6.00
Glencoe	395	21.00	13.00	8.00
Grout	350	20.00	14.00	6.00
Hayhurst	380	20.00	13.00	7.00
Irvington	320	17.00	12.00	5.00
James John	316	22.00	16.00	6.00
Kelly	419	27.00	19.00	8.00
Lee	262	16.00	11.00	5.00
Lent	476	31.00	24.00	7.00
Lewis	368	20.00	14.00	6.00
Llewellyn	460	22.00	15.00	7.00
Maplewood	347	17.00	11.00	6.00
Markham	416	21.00	15.00	6.00
Martin Luther King Jr	319	23.00	17.00	6.00
Marysville	402	24.00	18.00	6.00
Peninsula	237	18.00	13.00	5.00
Richmond	600	27.00	19.00	8.00
Rieke	329	18.00	12.00	6.00
Rigler	268	20.00	15.00	5.00
Rosa Parks	266	18.00	14.00	4.00
Rose City Park	529	27.00	19.00	8.00
Sabin	360	19.00	13.00	6.00
Scott	460	31.00	23.00	8.00
Sitton	337	24.00	18.00	6.00
Stephenson	322	18.00	12.00	6.00
Vestal	228	16.00	12.00	4.00
Whitman	185	14.00	10.00	4.00
Woodlawn	315	19.00	14.00	5.00
Woodmere	269	16.00	11.00	5.00
Woodstock	526	28.00	19.00	9.00
Elementary Schools	17,337	992.00	700.00	292.00

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Beaumont Middle	518	32.00	23.00	9.00
da Vinci Arts Middle	443	21.00	15.00	6.00
George Middle	432	29.00	22.00	7.00
Gray Middle	509	25.00	17.00	8.00
Hosford Middle	676	30.00	21.00	9.00
Jackson Middle	803	36.00	24.00	12.00
Lane Middle	416	24.00	18.00	6.00
Mt Tabor Middle	721	34.00	23.00	11.00
Ockley Green	487	27.00	20.00	7.00
Roseway Heights	617	32.00	23.00	9.00
Sellwood Middle	549	26.00	17.00	9.00
Tubman Middle	443	26.00	19.00	7.00
West Sylvan Middle	802	37.00	25.00	12.00
Middle Schools	7,416	379.00	267.00	112.00

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ACCESS Program	318	20.00	14.00	6.00
Astor	394	26.00	18.00	8.00
Beverly Cleary	692	34.00	23.00	11.00
Cesar Chavez	544	37.00	27.00	10.00
Creative Science School	450	22.00	14.00	8.00
Faubion	697	40.00	30.00	10.00
Harrison Park	601	39.00	29.00	10.00
Laurelhurst	688	34.00	23.00	11.00
Metro Learning Center	377	22.00	15.00	7.00
Odyssey	244	12.00	9.00	3.00
Skyline	181	15.00	11.00	4.00
Sunnyside Environmental	522	26.00	17.00	9.00
Vernon	569	35.00	25.00	10.00
Winterhaven	291	16.00	11.00	5.00
K-8 Schools	6,568	378.00	266.00	112.00

School Name	FY20-21 Audited Enrollment	General Fund Staff	Without Levy	Local Option Levy
Alliance High School	198	23.00	17.00	6.00
Benson	1,005	60.00	43.00	17.00
Cleveland	1,581	74.00	50.00	24.00
Franklin	2,010	98.00	68.00	30.00
Grant	1,965	88.00	59.00	29.00
Jefferson	620	42.00	31.00	11.00
Lincoln	1,481	73.00	49.00	24.00
McDaniel	1,173	64.00	46.00	18.00
Roosevelt	1,292	78.00	57.00	21.00
Ida B. Wells-Barnett	1,540	74.00	49.00	25.00
High Schools	12,865	674.00	469.00	205.00

Department Name	FY20-21 Audited Enrollment	General Fund Staff	Without Levy	Local Option Levy
Athletics	None	9.00	5.00	4.00
Dual Language Programs	None	7.00	7.00	-
Early Learner Programs: P-3	None	2.00	1.00	1.00
ESL	None	92.00	60.00	32.00
Headstart	None	-	-	-
Human Resources	None	22.00	18.00	4.00
Mult Pathways to Graduation	None	10.00	7.00	3.00
Portland DART Schools	None	2.00	1.00	1.00
Special Education Svcs-Mgmt	None	468.00	368.00	100.00
SPED - Comm Transition Pgm	None	13.00	10.00	3.00
SPED - Holladay Center	None	26.00	22.00	4.00
Teen Parent / FACS	None	5.00	5.00	-
Centrally Administered	-	656.00	504.00	152.00