



# Preservation, Maintenance, and Disposition of District Real Property

The Portland Public Schools Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to preserve and maintain the District's real property assets to serve current students and to ensure the District can serve its students for decades to come. For that reason, transactions involving the District's real property shall preserve as much as possible the District's ability to use assets for its own students and educational services now and in the future and, only on rare occasions, will the District sell a property without replacing that property with an equivalent or better property.

### **Duty to Maintain and Preserve Real Property**

The Board of Education recognizes that the District's real property assets must be maintained in a sufficient physical condition to preserve their value and utility. The Board shall take necessary steps, taking into account budgetary constraints, to preserve and maintain the physical integrity of District real property.

### **Objectives in Real Property Transactions**

District properties that are not currently needed for District purposes will be managed to carry out the following objectives:

- Reflect the District's short-, intermediate-, and long-term educational and operational needs, considering long-term population and enrollment projections for the Portland area;
- Maintain flexibility in lease terms to allow for early termination to adjust to enrollment fluctuations or other District needs for the property; and
- Provide revenue and other support for District needs; in this case, the District must seek maximum long-term financial and other benefits. The District recognizes that conveyance of real property rights-of-way or easements may be imposed as a condition of approval of District development projects without compensation or may occur for other good or valuable consideration.

### **Sale of Real Property**

Under ORS 332.155, the District may lease, sell, and convey all property of the District



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that will not be required for the District's educational purposes in the long term. In the unlikely event that District property does not support the District's mission now or in the future, the Superintendent shall recommend to the Board the disposal of such property, including a thorough analysis of the implications of any property sale on fulfillment of the District's educational mission over the long term. Selling a District property without replacing it with an equivalent or better property shall be a last resort.

The Board of Education directs the following:

1. **Superintendent's Real Property Sale Recommendation:** The Superintendent shall develop and adopt an administrative directive establishing a process for developing recommendations to the Board on the sale of any District property. The process shall include at a minimum the following components:
  - a. Notification of the Board of Education.
  - b. A summary of the factors considered in the development of the recommendation, including a market and needs analysis.
2. **Sale of District Property Recommendation-Public Hearing:** Any process to consider the sale of the property shall be a transparent and public process, and at least one public hearing shall be held by the Board prior to declaring any real property or portion thereof appropriate for sale. If the Board determines that a District property is appropriate for sale, it shall pass a resolution identifying the property, how relinquishing property promotes both the District's mission and the public interest, and the terms and conditions under which it may be sold.
3. **Sale process:** Once the property is declared appropriate for sale by the Board, the Superintendent, or such persons as may be designated by the Superintendent, shall establish and conduct a process for sale or other conveyance of the property. The Superintendent will market and negotiate a proposed sale or other conveyance of the property and bring a recommended agreement to the Board for the Board's review and approval.
4. **Presumption of Market Rate:** Unless the Board makes an express finding that the disposition of District property for less than market rate confers significant benefit to the District and the communities it serves, the District shall pursue maximum market value for any sale, lease, or disposition under this policy.



## Board Policy

8.70.040-P

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The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent or his/her designee to approve and execute real estate transactions in which the total value of the transaction is at or below applicable delegation thresholds for District expenditure and revenue contracts, as set forth in PPS Public Contracting Rule 45-0200 (Authority to Approve and Execute District Contracts) and in which the transaction can be terminated by the District within 30 days or less. All other real estate transactions shall require Board approval. The Superintendent will provide a quarterly report to the board regarding leases signed below the delegation threshold.

Legal References: ORS 271.330 ORS 332.155

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