

Portland Public School District 1st Reading

DATE OF FIRST READING: April 02, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR **Revision of** **Districtwide Advocacy and Fundraising 7.10.020-P** **(Formerly: Parent Groups And The Schools)**

The Portland Public School District is providing Notice of Proposed Revised Policy and Public Comment to offer interested parties reasonable opportunity to submit data or comments on the proposed policies noted below.

Public comment may be submitted in writing directly to the district or through the district website noted below. Written comments must be submitted by 5:00pm on the Last Date for Comment listed below.

Open for Comment until at least:
April 23, 2024

Summary: Districtwide Advocacy and Fundraising 7.10.020-P
(Formerly: Parent Groups And The Schools)

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Draft Policy Web Site: <http://www.pps.net/draftpolicies>

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Redlined Policy with Proposed Changes

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7.10.020-P Districtwide Advocacy and Fundraising ~~Parent Groups And The Schools~~

~~Parent groups functioning in various support and communications capacities have made important contributions to Portland schools. The Board recognizes that the assistance of parent organizations in cooperation with the schools is necessary and desirable to achieve the goals established for the schools. The school principals, supervising administrators and the office of the superintendent shall regard as an important aspect of their work cooperation with parent organizations in order to assure the most effective liaison between such organizations and the schools in behalf of good education for Portland children.~~

Parent and community-based organizations and individuals make important contributions to support PPS school communities and programs, as well as students and staff. Elements of that support include advocacy in support of PPS schools and fundraising to pay for a wide variety of activities and projects. This policy is designed to foster a spirit of community and shared purpose and facilitate collective impact on behalf of PPS students. Given our common mission and vision, the District encourages parents and community groups to advocate, fundraise and support improving the educational experience districtwide in alignment with our racial equity and social justice values.

Local School Foundations and school or program fundraising:

An inclusive districtwide foundation, designated by the Board of Education, shall serve as the districtwide advocacy and fundraising entity and serve as the fiscal agent for the Local School Foundations (LSFs).

Fundraising for Staff and Contracted Staff:

Effective July 1, 2024, donations for staff positions may be collected only by the designated districtwide foundation in a single, combined fund account. Donations shall be accepted from Local School Foundations, Independent School Foundations, nonprofits, corporations/businesses and individuals. A formula for the distribution of any funding to individual schools shall be developed in advance of the school year by a Parent Advisory Committee, shared with school administrators for feedback, and a recommendation made to the Board of Education for its approval.

(Donations for staff positions collected by Local School Foundations between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, plus any carryover balances held in the associated grant accounts S0083, shall be expended in the 2024-2025 school year for staffing positions per donors' intent.¹)*

Registration and Reporting

All groups affiliated with PPS and individual schools or programs that fundraise \$20,000 or more in aggregated funds in a school year for PPS school-related activities are encouraged to register with the District by September 30 in the following school year, sharing their officer names and contact information,

The Board of Education shall receive annually a report at the end of the District's fiscal year sharing the districtwide foundation's donations, expenditures, and major projects.

¹ This language may be moved to the resolution.

Other Requirements

Entities that fundraise to support individual schools shall:

- Provide ways for all members from the benefitting school or program who wish to participate in a fundraising event or activity to have an avenue to participate.
- Shall not communicate, share, or maintain expected per-family or per-student fundraising targets.
- Include and inform the broader school community about fundraising decision-making processes, especially including families for whom the educational equity programs are meant to benefit.
- Adhere to District policies, administrative directives, and other requirements.

Other Provisions

For purposes of this policy, District and contracted staff includes all manner of contracted positions if the position compensation exceeds \$15,000 in a school year.

The designated district foundation shall have a Board of Directors of sufficient size given PPS's enrollment, and members should have diverse experience to support the activities of the foundation. The Board members will be approved by the PPS Board of Education.

Legal Reference: ORS 332 \07

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