



## PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### **BACKGROUND**

Each year, Portland Public Schools (PPS) monitors the count of actual students attending on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment data is shared with the PSU Population Research Center to update future enrollment forecasts and projections, which are used to forecast enrollment and staff schools for the next school year.

On the following page, there is a table that summarizes the changes in enrollment for PPS. Two comparisons are provided.

The first comparison is between the observed October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment in 2019-2020 to the observed October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment in 2020-2021. The following are key observations from this data:

- Overall enrollment decreased in PPS from the 2019-2020 to the 2020-2021 school year by 1552 students (-3.4%).
- Over half that change was observed in the enrollment in Kindergarten and First grades.
- Secondary enrollment was more consistent with 2019-2020.

The second comparison is between the enrollment that was projected for the 2020-2021 academic year and the enrollment that was observed on October 1<sup>st</sup> of this academic year. The following are key observations from this data:

- Overall, PPS enrollment was anticipated to increase by a net of 95 students with projected decreases in elementary enrollment and increases in secondary enrollment.
- Again, the declines in comparison to anticipated enrollment are in the primary grades, although the declines are somewhat softened by the projected decline in enrollment in the primary grades.
- Secondary enrollment is consistent with the projected enrollment in grades 8-12.

**ANALYSIS OF SITUATION**

Observed Enrollment Comparison					Projected Enrollment Comparison		
Grade	2019-20 Students	2020-21 Students	Change from 2019-20	Percent change	2020-21 Enrollment Projection	Change from 2020-21 Projection	Percent change
KG	3,659	<b>3,044</b>	-615	-16.8%	3,601	-557	-15.5%
01	3,706	<b>3,488</b>	-218	-5.9%	3,693	-205	-5.6%
02	3,622	<b>3,518</b>	-104	-2.9%	3,669	-151	-4.1%
03	3,740	<b>3,419</b>	-321	-8.6%	3,593	-174	-4.8%
04	3,725	<b>3,529</b>	-196	-5.3%	3,705	-176	-4.8%
05	3,758	<b>3,563</b>	-195	-5.2%	3,682	-119	-3.2%
06	3,682	<b>3,497</b>	-185	-5.0%	3,654	-157	-4.3%
07	3,722	<b>3,553</b>	-169	-4.5%	3,653	-100	-2.7%
08	3,416	<b>3,635</b>	219	6.4%	3,677	-42	-1.1%
09	3,389	<b>3,363</b>	-26	-0.8%	3,423	-60	-1.8%
10	3,298	<b>3,342</b>	44	1.3%	3,298	44	1.3%
11	2,979	<b>3,164</b>	185	6.2%	3,124	40	1.3%
12	2,844	<b>2,873</b>	29	1.0%	2,863	10	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,540</b>	<b>43,988</b>	<b>-1,552</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>45,635</b>	<b>-1,647</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>

1. Data are as October 1st each year.
2. Alliance, Charters, CBO's, Headstarts, special programs, and PCC students are excluded from all of the data shown above, including Projections.
3. The 2020-21 Enrollment Projections are provided by the PSU demographer, based on 2019-20 October 1st Enrollment, and adjusted for other factors affecting population.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This is an information item.

*As a member of the PPS Executive Leadership Team, I have reviewed this staff report.*

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