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To: Portland Public School Board Members

From: Emily Glasgow, Early Learning Director; Eileen Isham Head Start Director; Robert Cantwell, Head Start Director

RE: Board Resolution Request

PPS Head Start has been awarded funding from the Portland Children's Levy for the last 16 years. This grant funds four Head Start teachers and one full-time Head Start educational assistant. With the retirement of Dan Saltzman, the Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee has reissued a Request for Investment (RFI) with new and updated criteria, including a commitment to racial equity, diversity, inclusion, and professional learning on brain development.

On October 19, 2019, the PPS Head Start Parent Policy Council approved PPS Head Start leadership's request to re-apply for a Portland Children's Levy allocation to continue to fund four teachers and multiple educational assistants along with a research-based professional learning plan to expand and enhance Head Start staff's capacity to deliver interventions supporting brain development. The teaching positions proposed to be funded are in our culturally specific Native American classroom, a Spanish Dual Language Immersion classroom, and two classrooms utilizing a brain-based approach to learning.

For your review and input you will find the Portland Children's Levy Invitation to Submit a Request for Investment in Early Childhood Program Services. The application is due November 20, 2019.

If additional information is needed, please contact Robert Cantwell at 971-227-4576.

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