

RESOLUTION No. 6413

Approval of Head Start Policy Council Recommendation

RECITALS

- A. Federal requirements call for the Governing Board of a Head Start program to approve recommendations for the program.
- B. The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools serves as the Governing Board for the PPS Head Start Program.
- C. Portland Public Schools Policy Council recommends the approval of the 2021-2022 PPS Head Start School Readiness Goals. The Head Start approach to school readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children. Physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development are all essential ingredients of school readiness. Head Start views school readiness as children possessing the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life. Programs must establish school readiness goals that are appropriate for the ages and development of enrolled children in the following domains: Approaches to Learning, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Literacy, Cognition, and Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development. Implementing and measuring progress toward school readiness goals helps programs individualize for each child and ensure that children know and can do what is needed to be ready for kindergarten. Head Start respects parents as their children's primary nurturers, teachers, and advocates, and programs are required to consult with parents in establishing school readiness goals. As children transition to kindergarten, Head Start programs and schools should work together to promote school readiness and engage families.

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The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools, School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon, approves the Head Start Policy Council recommendations as stated above.