

# Center for Black Student Excellence Update



PORTLAND  
**Public Schools**

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# Center for Black Excellence Board of Directors

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- *Marcy Bradley, Chief Community Engagement and Equity Officer, Oregon Community Foundation*
- *Tracey Brown, PPS Social Emotional Learning and Teaching on Special Assignment, PPS Parent*
- *D'Artagnan Bernard Caliman, Vice President, 1803 Fund*
- *Herman Greene, PPS Board Vice Chair*
- *Guadalupe Guerrero, PPS Superintendent*
- *Gary Hollands, PPS Board Chair*
- *Tony Hopson, Sr., President & CEO, Self Enhancement Inc.*
- *Kali Thorne Ladd, CEO, Children's Institute*
- *Kiesha Locklear, Architect and PPS Project Manager II*
- *Dr. Bahia Overton, ED, Black Parent Initiative*
- *Dr. Cheryl Proctor, PPS Deputy Superintendent Instruction & School Communities*
- *Danielle Wade, Area Vice President, Charter Communications (trade name Spectrum)*
- *Marsha Williams, CEO, KairosPDX*

# Board & Staffing Update

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- Status update on Oct 23, 2023
- Joint staffing exploration for Director position(s)
- First CBE board meeting in early Dec 2023

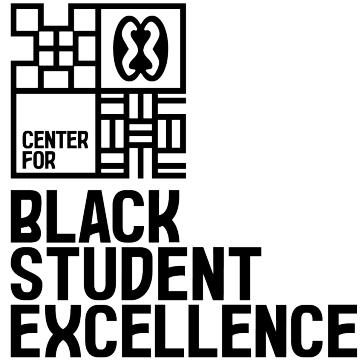


# Center for Black Student Excellence Site Selection

Throughout the CBSE Design and Engagement process, community members put forth several options for where to build the future Center for Black Student Excellence. In particular, a number of generative ideas emerged from the “pause and reset” of the spring including:

- **Colocation:** Center for Black Student Excellence & PK-5 Learning Lab
- **Colocation:** Sabin Elementary & Center for Black Student Excellence
- **Colocation:** Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary & Center for Black Student Excellence
- **A number of other sites**





Fall 22 -  
Spring 23



Summer 23



Fall 23 -  
Winter 24

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Community co-designed  
vision for the Center for  
Black Student Excellence

Coordination across  
capital projects

Community “pause and  
reset”

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Investigation of sites that  
emerged from the  
community “pause and  
reset” workshop series

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Negotiations

Agreements

Staff Recommendations

Board approval

# Center for Black Student Excellence (23-24) Priorities

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## Design Teams

- Culture in the Classroom: When the Lesson Comes Alive Across Disciplines (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Emanating from the Home: Parent/Caregiver Excellence Consortium
- Student Affinity, Leadership and Identity Development

## System-Level

- Thoughtful Coordination of Physical Space: CBSE + HTMS Site Selection & Jefferson Modernization
- Investigating the possibilities of an HBCU Black Educator Pathway & Satellite Campus
- Beginning the initial needs assessment and design of a Digital Infrastructure

# What's Next & How to Engage

Apply to join a design team!

The Center for Black Student Excellence *Presents: The Space Matters Series*

**Purpose:** During this experiential series, we'll re-establish a shared sense of community, ground ourselves in the local history that makes the Albina neighborhood so significant, collectively problem solve around new challenges related to capital projects in the area including the Jefferson High School modernization and Harriet Tubman Middle School relocation, define logistical transitions for students, identify the home of the new Center for Black Student Excellence, and end with reimagining a pathway that braids the educational experience of our students together in the heart of historic Black Portland!