

DRAFT: Foundation Reform Policy

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1. District-wide foundation
 - a. Portland Public School District shall establish a district-wide foundation.
 - b. The district-wide foundation shall have the sole right to collect and distribute all philanthropic funds and private donations for the purpose of paying instructional staff (FTE).
 - c. The district-wide foundation shall be established and operational no later than July 1, 2025.

2. District-wide foundation purpose and responsibilities
 - a. The purpose of the district-wide foundation shall be to build lasting partnerships, raise philanthropic dollars, advocate for robust public funding at the state and local levels, and expand opportunity for students.
 - b. It shall distribute funds according to priorities established by the Board in alignment with the District's policies on racial equity and social justice.
 - c. The district-wide foundation shall deliver to the Board an end of fiscal year report detailing the amount of funds raised, distribution of funds by school and a detailed description of how the prior year's funds were applied at each school, other expenditures of funds, the balance of funds, as well as any other information requested by the Board.
 - i. The report is due by June 30 each year.

3. Implementation
 - a. The District shall convene a working group to draft a transition plan for implementing a district-wide foundation. The transition plan shall be presented to the Board for approval no later than April 1, 2024.
 - b. The working group will review and determine if the following policies should be replaced, revised or repealed: 7.10.030-P District Foundation, "Portland Public School District-wide Foundation Principles" (1994), "Guidelines for Fundraising/Gifts Effective July 1, 1998", "Adoption of Guidelines Portland Public Schools Foundation and Local School Foundation and Local School Foundations 1998-1999 School Year" (October 12, 1988), Resolution No. 3820 (December 10, 2007).
 - c. The working group shall include between 9 and 15 members selected by the Board to include:
 - i. At least one student
 - ii. One parent/caregiver of a current PPS student from each Board member's zone or each high school cluster
 - iii. Additional members (such as principals or teachers) as determined by the Board

- iv. Representatives from both foundation and non-foundation schools, so that the composition of the working group mirrors the District's ratio of schools with and without active foundations

4. Local school foundations

- a. Local school foundations shall be permitted to continue to raise funds according to existing District policies until no later than June 30, 2024.
- b. Local school foundations shall be permitted to continue to spend funds according to existing District policies until no later than June 30, 2025.
- c. The role of Local School Foundations and permitted FTE fundraising after June 30, 2024 will be determined by the transition plan working group.