

**Community Budget Review Committee for Portland Public Schools
Local Option Levy Review 2018-19**

The Community Budget Review Committee (CBRC) conducted a general review of Portland Public Schools (PPS) expenditures of the Local Option Levy (Levy) funds approved by voters in November 2014. Measure 26-161 mandates independent citizen oversight to ensure tax dollars are used for purposes approved by local voters.

CBRC examined Levy data to determine the use of funds in the following areas:

- Help maintain and lower class sizes that permit more individual attention for students;
- Help to support a well-rounded program, with enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students; and
- Provide funding equivalent to at least the 640 teaching positions initially projected.

CBRC has the following comments:

- CBRC finds in the fiscal year 2018-19 that all Levy funds are being spent as approved by voters.
- With respect to the use of Levy funds for maintaining teaching positions, PPS has received \$93,342,239 as of May 6, 2019 from Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas Counties. Based on the 2018-19 receipts and an average teacher cost of \$107,344 (salary, taxes, and benefits), Levy funds will support approximately 870 teaching positions for the 2018-19 fiscal year. This meets the Levy goal of supporting at least 640 teaching positions. At the same time last year, the Levy funded approximately 790 teachers.
- With the help of Levy funding PPS has been able to improve class sizes over time throughout the district. Appended to this report is a summary of how many teachers are funded by the local option levy at each school.
- The Levy is also designed to help support well-rounded programs, enrichment for elementary and middle schools, and electives in varied interest areas for high schools. Since the Levy was passed in November 2014, the following actions have been implemented by the District to begin providing additional support as a result of the added staffing outlined above:
 - Met a new planning time commitment for K-5 teachers;
 - Helped schools meet core program requirements; this enhancement includes providing support for a well-rounded program with enrichments for elementary and middle grades.
- Effective with the 2013-2014 fiscal year, PPS established a procedure adopted for the federal stimulus funds and which was acceptable to the federal government whereby Levy funds are placed in a “sub-account” within the General Fund and can only be used to pay teachers’ salaries and benefits. This provision was written into Measure 26-161’s Explanatory Statement and is part of the current Levy language. The Local Option Levy funds for 2017-2018 have been deposited into this sub-account.
- Finally, the Levy language continues to require independent community oversight to ensure that tax dollars are used as approved by local voters. The PPS Board of Education has appointed CBRC as the community oversight body to perform this function.

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CBRC would like to take this opportunity to again thank the voters for approving this vital funding source for Portland Public Schools that will help ensure that our students continue to receive benefits from the additional teachers, lower class sizes, and enriched classroom offerings afforded as a result of our Local Option Levy. The Local Option Levy helps mitigate the state's failure to adequately fund K-12 education.

CBRC highly recommends that voters renew the Levy at the end of the five-year period. We recommend that the board give serious consideration to increasing the levy rate to maximize resources for students in our district.

CBRC respectfully submits this report to the PPS Board of Education:

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Local Option Staff by School And Department

School/Department Name	FY17-18 Audited Enrollment	All Staff	Without Levy	With Local Option Levy
Abernethy	516	24.00	16.00	8.00
Ainsworth	638	26.00	17.00	9.00
Alameda	734	30.00	20.00	10.00
Atkinson	420	19.00	13.00	6.00
Beach	442	22.00	16.00	6.00
Bridlemile	535	23.00	15.00	8.00
Buckman	474	20.00	14.00	6.00
Capitol Hill	442	20.00	14.00	6.00
Chapman	532	23.00	15.00	8.00
Chief Joseph	363	18.00	13.00	5.00
Duniway	499	23.00	15.00	8.00
Forest Park	443	19.00	12.00	7.00
Glencoe	489	21.00	14.00	7.00
Grout	392	18.00	12.00	6.00
James John	368	18.00	13.00	5.00
Kelly	532	26.00	19.00	7.00
Lewis	389	19.00	13.00	6.00
Llewellyn	489	21.00	14.00	7.00
Maplewood	378	18.00	12.00	6.00
Markham	456	19.00	13.00	6.00
Peninsula	279	15.00	11.00	4.00
Richmond	647	26.00	17.00	9.00
Rieke	386	18.00	12.00	6.00
Rigler	441	23.00	17.00	6.00
Rosa Parks	272	17.00	12.00	5.00
Sitton	364	20.00	14.00	6.00
Stephenson	352	18.00	13.00	5.00
Whitman	267	15.00	11.00	4.00
Woodlawn	326	18.00	13.00	5.00
Woodmere	286	15.00	10.00	5.00
Woodstock	552	25.00	17.00	8.00
Elementary Schools	13,703	637.00	437.00	200.00
ACCESS Program	336	17.00	12.00	5.00
Arleta	454	22.00	15.00	7.00
Astor	425	23.00	16.00	7.00
Beverly Cleary	897	40.00	28.00	12.00
Boise-Eliot	483	26.00	18.00	8.00
Bridger	531	26.00	18.00	8.00
Cesar Chavez	540	31.00	22.00	9.00
Creative Science School	479	22.00	15.00	7.00
Creston	372	18.00	12.00	6.00
Faubion	626	27.00	19.00	8.00
Harrison Park	638	31.00	21.00	10.00
Hayhurst	592	27.00	18.00	9.00
Irvington	459	21.00	15.00	6.00

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Laurelhurst	698	31.00	21.00	10.00
Lee	425	23.00	17.00	6.00
Lent	530	27.00	20.00	7.00
Martin Luther King Jr	369	23.00	16.00	7.00
Marysville	380	19.00	13.00	6.00
Metro Learning Center	390	21.00	14.00	7.00
Roseway Heights	661	31.00	21.00	10.00
Sabin	551	27.00	18.00	9.00
Scott	521	27.00	20.00	7.00
Skyline	293	17.00	12.00	5.00
Sunnyside Environmental	604	29.00	19.00	10.00
Vernon	522	25.00	17.00	8.00
Vestal	341	20.00	14.00	6.00
Winterhaven	354	17.00	12.00	5.00
K-8 Schools	13,471	668.00	463.00	205.00
Beaumont Middle	591	25.00	17.00	8.00
da Vinci Arts Middle	457	20.00	13.00	7.00
George Middle	417	19.00	13.00	6.00
Gray Middle	536	24.00	16.00	8.00
Hosford Middle	621	27.00	18.00	9.00
Jackson Middle	659	28.00	19.00	9.00
Lane Middle	454	23.00	16.00	7.00
Mt Tabor Middle	718	31.00	20.00	11.00
Ockley Green	531	28.00	20.00	8.00
Sellwood Middle	589	26.00	18.00	8.00
West Sylvan Middle	876	40.00	27.00	13.00
Middle Schools	6,449	291.00	197.00	94.00
Alliance High School	191	20.00	14.00	6.00
Benson	1,026	53.00	37.00	16.00
Cleveland	1,586	78.00	53.00	25.00
Franklin	1,745	80.00	55.00	25.00
Grant	1,512	72.00	47.00	25.00
Jefferson	677	37.00	28.00	9.00
Lincoln	1,705	82.00	56.00	26.00
Madison	1,146	57.00	39.00	18.00
Roosevelt	859	48.00	34.00	14.00
Wilson	1,512	71.00	48.00	23.00
High Schools	11,959	598.00	411.00	187.00
Athletics	Centrally Administered Resource	9.00	6.00	3.00
Curriculum & Instruction	Centrally Administered Resource	13.00	13.00	-
Dual Language Programs	Centrally Administered Resource	2.00	2.00	-
Early Learner Programs: P-3	Centrally Administered Resource	3.00	2.00	1.00
ESL	Centrally Administered Resource	94.00	62.00	32.00
Human Resources	Centrally Administered Resource	9.00	7.00	2.00
Mult Pathways to Graduation	Centrally Administered Resource	8.00	6.00	2.00
Portland DART Schools	Centrally Administered Resource	1.00	1.00	-

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Set-Aside	Centrally Administered Resource	69.00	53.00	16.00
Special Education Svcs-Mgmt	Centrally Administered Resource	399.00	315.00	84.00
SPED - Comm Transition Pgm	Centrally Administered Resource	11.00	8.00	3.00
SPED - Holladay Center	Centrally Administered Resource	38.00	32.00	6.00
Teaching & Learning	Centrally Administered Resource	4.00	4.00	-
Teen Parent / FACS	Centrally Administered Resource	4.00	4.00	-
Centrally Administered Resources	-	664.00	515.00	149.00
Grand Total	45,582	2,858.00	2,023.00	835.00