

RESOLUTION No. 6844

2024 Portland Public Schools Legislative Agenda

RECITALS

- A. The Oregon Legislature will convene for the 2024 Legislative Session from February 5, 2024 - March 10, 2024.
- B. The Portland Public Schools Board recognizes that political and legislative advocacy is essential for the District's ability to affect education public policy in the state of Oregon.
- C. The Portland Public Schools Legislative Agenda is aligned with the 2023-25 PPS budget, the District's mission and strategic plan, and the Board goals to eliminate student gaps in opportunities and outcomes.
- D. Portland Public Schools will advocate for funding to mitigate PPS budget cuts, to support summer learning programs statewide, to invest in the Prophet Center relocation, to support Regional Inclusive Services and Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) programs, to strengthen Special Education services, to expand the youth Behavioral workforce, to build up climate resilient education infrastructure, and to scale up academic and enrichment programming statewide.
- E. The District will support the creation of a Youth Collaborative at the Oregon Department of Education that carves out space for youth voices in statewide decisions and policymaking.
- F. The District will support legislation to expand the Community Eligibility Program statewide.
- G. The Legislative Agenda was developed through consultation with district staff, board members, and other state-wide associations and partners.
- H. The Board of Education recognizes the need for the Legislature to urgently address Oregon's education funding challenges. The Legislature must revise the methodology used to calculate school districts' costs, respond to students' greater mental health and social emotional needs, fund the Quality Education Model, and take steps to improve student outcomes, specifically to reduce the unacceptable opportunity gaps between white students and underserved students of color. The Board will be advocating for additional education funding and ultimately transforming the statewide education funding system.

RESOLUTION

- 1. The Board adopts the 2024 Legislative Agenda as the formal position of the Board of Education for the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.