

RESOLUTION No. 5398

Accepting the Recommendations of the Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group and Commit Staff and the Board to Full Implementation of the Recommendations

RECITALS

- A. In 2017, PPS surveyed the community and convened a Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group (BSAG) to evaluate needs for the next capital improvement bond.
- B. The BSAG recommended, and community feedback affirmed, a bond that would fund modernization of Benson, Lincoln, and Madison High Schools and Kellogg Middle School and at least an additional \$150 million in health and safety projects at schools across the district. Approximately 30 percent of the budgets for the modernization projects comprehensively address health and safety issues, including reducing exposure to hazardous materials, improving accessibility, and addressing fire safety.
- C. The \$150 million in districtwide health and safety projects would address all or some of the needs in the following areas: replacing old pipes and fixtures to reduce lead, improve water quality, and reduce the need to use bottled water in Portland's schools; removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos; upgrade fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems; repairing or replacing leaking or deteriorating school roofs; improving accessibility for people with disabilities; improving building foundations and ventilation to decrease radon exposure; and strengthening school safety and security.
- D. In addition to this bond proposal, the BSAG recommended:
 - a. That the Board and Superintendent by December 2017 be able to clearly articulate a short and long-term strategy that addresses all currently identified health, safety, and ADA issues;
 - b. That the Board has a clear plan on how the at least \$150 million of additional health and safety investments will be spent to first address all high-risk areas as a priority (lead paint, lead in water fixtures and pipes, radon, exposed asbestos, and a minimum level of acceptable fire protection with the rest of the remaining dollars to address other health, safety, and accessibility issues). The Board should consider increasing the amount of additional health and safety investment in this bond to ensure issues of lead, radon, exposed asbestos and high risk facility issues are fully resolved;
 - c. That the Board dedicate \$8 million in state matching funds to addressing additional health, safety, and accessibility needs, and communicate to the public that the \$8 million investment is on top of the \$790 million;
 - d. That the Board should request clarification from the Superintendent and staff about how investments in seismic upgrades are prioritized, and affirm its understanding that two effective ways to increase student and staff safety include full modernization and replacement of schools and adding or strengthening seismic bracing when roofs are replaced;
 - e. That the Board concludes that the school district's plan for 1,700 students at each of the existing and future high schools is well supported by current birth rates and kindergarten enrollments and that all high school spaces being rebuilt will be enrolled in a way that is balanced and the board is committed to boundary and policy changes to ensure that

neighborhood and focus option high schools have sufficient enrollments to support a rigorous and diverse curriculum in a cost effective way in all geographic areas of the city;

- f. That the bond package and public message associated with the bond measure should focus first on addressing critical safety and health issues, backed up by the message that modernizing our high schools comprehensively addresses health and safety issues in those buildings while also providing modern learning environments; and
- g. That the Board acknowledges with gratitude the support of Portland voters for school bonds in 1995 and 2012 and commits to the continued modernization of schools to provide the health, safety, full inclusion, and learning opportunities that every child in Portland deserves.

RESOLUTION

The Board adopts the recommendations and commit the staff and Board to full implementation.