

# Portland Public Schools Foundation

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## History and Overview

The Portland Public Schools Foundation (PPSF) was founded in 1994 on the heels of the Measure 5 redistribution of revenue statewide, which resulted in significant cuts to public education in Portland Public Schools (PPS). As such, PPS parents came together with the PPS School Board to form Local School Foundations (LSFs) to raise funds to support teaching and staff positions in the LSF schools, while also supporting high need schools through the establishment of the PPS Parent Equity Fund (one-third of all funds raised by the local school foundations after the first \$10,000 is allocated to the PPS Parent Equity Fund). The PPSF (which remains a critical division of All Hands Raised) stewards the funds raised by LSFs and manages the PPS Parent Equity Fund, in accordance with PPS School Board policy.

Under the non-profit "umbrella" of All Hands Raised, **every school in the Portland Public School District has an established Local School Foundation account.** Affiliated programs operate under the umbrella of the All Hands Raised 501(c)(3) and receive a variety of direct support services crucial to the operation of the LSF. Independent LSFs operate under their own 501(c)(3) and receive a more limited set of services. Under PPS School Board policy, all LSFs, regardless of whether affiliated or independent, contribute to the PPS Parent Equity Fund. Affiliated accounts can be activated at any time by parents in a school community who decide to begin raising funds to support their school. Currently, there are 34 active affiliated LSFs and eight independent LSFs. In 2015-16 the whole of PPS LSFs netted approximately \$3.4 million, and contributed approximately \$900,000 to the PPS Parent Equity Fund.

One-hundred percent of the net parent-raised funds benefit PPS students – **All Hands Raised does not keep a single dollar of ANY of the money raised, including for operating expenses**, and neither PPS nor PPS parents are charged a fee for this work. The services provided to PPS LSFs are made possible, in part, by an ongoing generous donation from New Seasons Market, as well as other gifts to All Hands Raised designated for operating expenses.

## Services Provided to Affiliated LSFs

- Administrative and operational support, including monthly donation reports;
- Steward donors through gift recognition and tax documentation;
- Manage accounting, including deposits, accounts payable, accounts receivable; process online credit card donations (both recurring and one-time), taxes and audits;
- Use of Bulk Mailing Permit and Raffle Class A License;
- Event and umbrella insurance coverage;
- Special pricing on auction software;
- Fundraising coaching, support services and trainings;
- Manage PPS Parent Equity Fund and communicate broadly the investment made by LSFs to raise student achievement in schools receiving PPS Parent Equity Fund Grants.

## Services Provided to Independent LSFs

- Process online credit card donations (both recurring and one-time);
- Monthly reporting of online donations;
- Fundraising coaching, support services and trainings;
- Manage PPS Parent Equity Fund and communicate broadly the investment made by LSFs to raise student achievement in schools receiving PPS Parent Equity Fund Grants.

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## 2017-18 Active Local School Foundations

### Affiliated PPS Local School Foundations

Abernethy Elementary School

Access Academy

Alameda Elementary School

Atkinson Elementary School

Beach Elementary School

Beaumont Middle School

Beverly Cleary K-8

Buckman Elementary School

Capitol Hill Elementary School

da Vinci Arts Middle School

Franklin High School

Glencoe Elementary School

Grant High School

Gray Middle School

Hosford Middle School

Irvington K-8

Laurelhurst K-8

Llewellyn Elementary School

Maplewood Elementary School

Metropolitan Learning Center

Mt. Tabor Middle School

Richmond Elementary School

Rieke Elementary School

Roseway Heights K-8

Sabin PK-8

Sellwood Middle School

Skyline Elementary School

Stephenson Elementary School

Sunnyside Environmental K-8

Vernon K-8

Wilson High School

Winterhaven K-8

Woodstock Elementary School

### Independent PPS Local School Foundations

Ainsworth Elementary School

Bridlemile Elementary School

Chapman Elementary School

Cleveland High School

Duniway Elementary School

Forest Park Elementary School

Lincoln High School

West Sylvan Middle School

**For more information, or to inquire about establishing a Local School Foundation at your PPS School, please contact Rosemary Schwimmer at 503-234-5404 or email her at [Rosemary@allhandsraised.org](mailto:Rosemary@allhandsraised.org).**