

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, a program of All Hands Raised, stewards the funds raised by LSFs and manages the PPS Parent Equity Fund.

As such, **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	Llewellyn Elementary School
Access Academy	Maplewood Elementary School
Alameda Elementary School	Metropolitan Learning Center
Atkinson Elementary School	Mt. Tabor Middle School
Beach Elementary School	Richmond Elementary School
Beaumont Middle School	Rieke Elementary School
Beverly Cleary K-8	Roseway Heights K-8
Buckman Elementary School	Sabin PK-8
Capitol Hill Elementary School	Sellwood Middle School
da Vinci Arts Middle School	Skyline Elementary School
Franklin High School	Stephenson Elementary School
Glencoe Elementary School	Sunnyside Environmental K-8
Grant High School	Vernon K-8
Gray Middle School	Wilson High School
Hosford Middle School	Winterhaven K-8
Irvington K-8	Woodstock Elementary School
Laurelhurst K-8	

Independent PPS Local School Foundations

Ainsworth Elementary School	Duniway Elementary School
Bridlemile Elementary School	Forest Park Elementary School
Chapman Elementary School	Lincoln High School
Cleveland High School	West Sylvan Middle School

For more information, or to inquire about establishing a Local School Foundation at your PPS School, please contact Steffeni Mendoza Gray at 503-234-5404 or email her at steffeni@allhandsraised.org.