

Rightsizing Community Engagement
Session
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 6:00 PM

Ida B. Wells High School
1151 SW Vermont St.
Portland, OR 97219

Agenda

1. Community Engagement Session



**TOGETHER,
WE RISE**

WITH EXCELLENCE. WITH PURPOSE.

**Rightsize. Right Support.
Right for Students.
Board of Education
Engagement**

April 22, 2026

Today's Agenda

- **Welcome + Grounding**
- **Historical Context**
- **Learning Lab Rounds**
- **Board Remarks**
- **Closing**



How We Show Up for Each Other and Ourselves in This Conversation

This conversation is different. It's not just about ideas; it's about real decisions that affect real schools and communities. So how we show up matters just as much as what we say.

**STAY GROUNDED
IN PURPOSE**

**SPEAK FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE,
NOT FOR EVERYONE**

**HONOR THE WEIGHT
OF THIS CONVERSATION**

**MAKE SPACE FOR EMOTIONS,
STAY GROUNDED IN ENGAGEMENT**

**LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND,
NOT TO RESPOND**

**MAKE ROOM FOR
MULTIPLE REALITIES**

**NAME IMPACT WITH
RESPECT AND CARE**

BALANCE PARTICIPATION

**RESPECT THE SPACE
RESPECT ONE ANOTHER**

**CONTRIBUTE TO SHARED
UNDERSTANDING**

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Engagement Timeline - Phase I: Community Learning + Listening (By Stakeholder)

Engagement	Location	Date	Time	Stakeholder
Southeast Guiding Coalition Focus Group	Virtual	April 8	6:00pm	Southeast Guiding Coalition Community
Southeast Guiding Coalition Focus Group	Kellogg	April 11	10:00am	Southeast Guiding Coalition Community
PPS Board of Education Public Engagement Session	Kellogg	April 11	2:00pm	ALL
PPS Board of Education Public Engagement Session	Virtual	April 20	6:00pm	ALL
PPS Board of Education Public Engagement Session	Ida B. Wells	April 22	6:00pm	ALL
PPS Board of Education Public Engagement Session	Benson	April 25	2:00pm	ALL
PPS Board of Education Public Engagement Session	Roosevelt	April 27	6:00pm	ALL
Student Voice Advisory Council	Virtual	April 9	4:45pm	Middle School Student
Village Table	Faubion	April 15	6:00pm	Parents/Families
Administrative Assistants	Virtual	April 23	10:00am	Administrative Assistants (Front Office)
Administrative Assistants	Virtual	April 23	5:00pm	Administrative Assistants (Front Office)

Rightsize: Phase I Engagements

LOOKING BACK

Southeast Guiding Coalition (SEGC) Focus Groups

TWO SESSIONS

WHO

Families and students previously impacted by Southeast Guiding Coalition boundary changes

WHY

To learn from past experiences and understand impacts, challenges, and lessons learned

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

PPS Board of Education Engagement Sessions

FIVE SESSIONS

WHO

Broader Portland Public Schools students, families and community partners

WHY

To create space for public input, transparency, and shared understanding

STAKEHOLDER DEEP DIVES

Students, Families + Administrative Assistants

THREE SESSIONS

WHO

Student Voice Advisory Council, Superintendent's Site Council (Village Table) and School-based Administrative Assistants

WHY

Centering student experience and impact. Lifting family voice and Grounding in operational realities and school-level insight

Together, We Rise: Understanding Rightsizing

What is “rightsizing”?

Making sure schools have the right number of students, staff and resources so every student has access to strong programs and opportunities



Why do districts do this?

- Changing student enrollment
- Some schools are overcrowded, some schools have empty classrooms
- Better access to programs and activities

Big Decisions, Real Impact

At times, rightsizing includes decisions such as closing, merging, or consolidating schools. We understand that these are significant and can feel emotional, even overwhelming, because they impact people, relationships, and communities in personal ways.

What’s NOT Happening Right Now?

NO final decisions are being made today
NO specific schools picked or criteria established



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**Engagement Assignments:
Learning Lab Rounds**

Phase I: Learning + Listening

GREEN

**Data, Modeling &
Enrollment**

The Learning Labs

**Subject Matter Experts
will rotate in 12 minute
intervals.**

BLUE

**Academics:
Instruction + Programs**

YELLOW

**Imagination Station:
What's Possible?**



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Learning Lab Rotation 1: Academics + Activities

Dr. Filip Hristic & Dr. Camedra Jefferson

Learning Lab Countdown



12:00



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Learning Lab Rotation 2: Data, Modeling & Enrollment

Margaret Calvert & Richard Smith



Get to know who we have in the space today



Learning Lab Countdown



12:00



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Learning Lab Rotation 3: Imagination Station

Nichole Watson & Jamaal Tibbs

Learning Lab Countdown



12:00

BOE Engagement

FEEDBACK FORM SLIDO FORM

Forms



Share Your Insight, Comments, and
Thoughts
with District Leadership





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Board Engagement Sessions

Share your input on the future of Portland's Schools

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Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM [RSVP](#)

 **Benson High School** | 546 NE 12th Ave, PDX, 97232

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Monday, April 27, 2026 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM [RSVP](#)

 **Roosevelt High School** | 6941 N Central St, PDX, 97203

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