

RESOLUTION No. 7296

Resolution to Direct the Superintendent to Begin a Rightsizing Process for Portland Public Schools

RECITALS

- A. Whereas Portland Public Schools (PPS) is committed to well-resourced schools so that every PPS student has equitable access to a robust and high-quality educational experience;
- B. Whereas the Student Assignment to Neighborhood Schools Policy 4.10.045-P directs the Superintendent to regularly monitor enrollment, program demand and demographic trends; and
- C. Whereas PPS enrollment has declined steadily for the past five years and is forecast to continue to decline for at least the next five years. At the same time, our facilities are aging and costs have increased, forcing resource strains across schools;
- D. Now, therefore, to continue to ensure well-resourced, sustainable schools and equitable access to opportunities for all students across, be it resolved that in April 2026, the District will launch phase three of Growing Great Schools, focusing on the school and program rightsizing process. This third phase represents the beginning of a multi-step, rigorous, and community-focused effort at rightsizing PPS schools.
 - a. All district schools and programs will be included in the process.
 - b. An enrollment advisory committee of stakeholders including community members, families, and staff will provide input and guidance to the Superintendent.
 - c. The District will involve the community in virtual and in person meetings and conversations to help inform the process, rightsizing options and implementation of potential changes.
 - d. The Board will receive regular updates on the process,
 - e. Implementation of Board approved changes will be initiated no later than the 2027-28 school year and will be completed within a three-year period.
- E. The result of this process will include school and program closures and/or consolidations. The District is committed to ensuring that students, families, and community are at the forefront of decisions that are made.

RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors directs the Superintendent to launch the districtwide rightsizing process within the Growing Great Schools District-wide process to consider school and program consolidations, boundary adjustment, special program changes, and grade reconfigurations.