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East Portland Schools and the Portland Plan

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Portland Plan: Brief Summary

The Portland Plan provides a strategic path forward for the City, building upon our history of innovation, and empowering Portlanders to think big and take ownership of their future. The plan includes a five year action plan (2012-2017), as well as a long-term policy vision to help guide the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update (process begins in 2012). The five year actions, developed through extensive community input and analysis of existing conditions and trends, are embedded within strategies for education (Thriving, Educated Youth), the economy (Economic Prosperity and Affordability) and neighborhoods (Healthy Connected City). The plan itself and each of the strategies are contained within a framework that seeks to expand equity and reduce disparities, particularly for communities of color and East Portland.

Benefits of City-Schools Collaboration

Schools are important partners in strengthening communities. East Portland school districts are invited to help shape a number of proposed Portland Plan actions:

- Participate in City-led college and career exposure programs (Summer Youth Connect), and other similar programs (Ninth Grade Counts, Career + College Connections/C3 Program, Summer Works, City \$500 tax credit program for career-related opportunities, etc.)
- Guide City efforts that support college access and completion (school and community college partnerships, Talent Dividend, etc.)
- Create an inventory and online 'living map' of where youth resources are located by neighborhood.
- Develop strategies and pilot projects for improving education-related youth outcomes in areas where youth are at risk of not graduating.
- Expand the presence of SUN schools to all schools in the city. Increase investment in anti-poverty services for schools in the top tier for poverty.
- Extend the Safe Routes to Schools program improve access to more East Portland schools.
- Develop joint-use agreements between Portland Parks and Recreation and all school districts to increase facility and grounds use, share resources and reduce costs.
- Advise how other partnership efforts between the City, County, Portland Children's Levy and other actors can better serve East Portland schools.
- Participate in shaping the City's first Education-related policy.

Looking Ahead – Timeline

The Draft Portland Plan will be out for review by August 1. The plan will be posted online for public review and publicized via public e-mail, social media, etc.

Once the draft plan is ready, the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability (BPS) will begin a series of check-ins with partners, including East Portland school districts. BPS is asking Helen Ying of Barney & Worth to arrange meetings with the districts and facilitate their involvement.

In late September and October, BPS will be bringing the draft plan to the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) for a series of hearings, ultimately resulting in a recommendation of the PSC on the plan to City Council. The plan will be forwarded to City Council in early 2012 for final hearings and adoption.

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