



Jefferson Modernization Project Update January, 2024

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This message is part of a regular series of updates from the Jefferson Project team to keep you informed as the Jefferson Modernization project moves through its reassessment phase.

Recent Developments

In December 2023, the School Board directed the Office of School Modernization to reassess plans to modernize Jefferson High School. An updated plan will be presented to the Board no later than April 2024.

Per the resolution (available [here](#)), that revised plan will:

- Keep students & staff largely on the Jefferson campus during construction.
- Design the school for a targeted student enrollment of 1,700.
- Demolish the 1909 building.
- Seek to conform to PPS's current high school education specifications area program.
- Not include co-location of the Center for Black Student Excellence, Harriet Tubman Middle School, or other unaffiliated entities to the Jefferson campus.

This means Jefferson students will remain at Jeff next school year and beyond until the new building is completed. See [Jefferson Project Update Dec. 2023](#) for more information.

What's Happening on the Jefferson Project Now

The project team has met with City of Portland staff to get more information about land use requirements. The City has provided information about two potential pathways for demolishing the 1909 building:

1. Request to de-list the property from the Piedmont Conservation District
2. Request a demolition permit specifically for the 1909 building.

The project team is putting together information for a formal Early Assistance conference in late January with the City, which is the first required step for either pathway.

The project and design teams are also working with contractors to review site layouts that keep students on site at Jefferson during construction. The teams are considering what buildings, either existing or new, will be needed to provide students with academic, athletic, and community programs during construction.

The next project update will be coming in early February. If you have any questions or concerns please email us at JHSBond@pps.net Visit [the modernization website](#) for additional project information.

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