



Faubion PK-8/Concordia University Partnership School Building Improvement Bond Project Frequently Asked Questions October 2016

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The new Faubion PK- 8/Concordia University building with its 3 to PhD.™ education model will be the heartbeat of the neighborhood, offering wrap-around services to the Faubion community and Concordia students.

The new building will combine Faubion PK-8 School, the Concordia University College of Education, an early childhood education center, a health and wellness center, state of the art STEAM/ Maker Space facilities, a food club with organic and nutritious products and other services for the school community. The PPS School Building Improvement Bond is funding \$33 million for the project. Concordia University is contributing 15.5 million in building funding along with land and additional resources.

Why was the old Faubion PK-8 demolished?

It was determined by PPS staff and the community that demolishing the existing Faubion school building and starting with a clean site provided the best opportunity to create a new model for education. By constructing a new Faubion PK-8 School with wrap-around services and embedding Concordia University's College of Education that goal is best achieved

What does this new model of education look like?

"3 to PhD™" is the name you'll hear describing this effort. 3 to PhD.™ aims to create safer, healthier and more educated communities – from the first three trimesters to *Pursuing One's Highest Dreams* (PhD). It is a new concept and unique to this partnership, and it is intended to serve as a sustainable model to be replicated elsewhere. Visit <http://www.3toPhD.com> for more information

Where are we in the process?

The school is now in the middle of the construction process. The first structures to emerge in spring 2016 were the concrete shear walls. These are a part of the foundation that will provide added seismic safety to the school.

Next, concrete masonry block walls rose up from the ground in the Gym and Cafeteria sections. Structural steel was then added to the section of building where many of the new community service facilities and education classrooms will be housed. This was soon followed by second floor concrete slabs being poured in those same areas. The second floor will house various classrooms in addition to the STEAM and Art classes and the media center. The building will continue to take shape as we head toward completion of the project in the summer of 2017.

What was the role of community members in the process?

Members of the Faubion PK-8 /Concordia community have been significantly involved in providing their opinion through public workshops with the Faubion design team. A volunteer Design Advisory Group was created to help refine the integration of community input. The DAG was made up of community members, Faubion teachers, parents, and students, Concordia professors, administrators, Faubion students, School Board Member, Pam Knowles, and a representative from the Special Education Department.

- Meetings held to date:
 - Faubion teachers and staff provided their input on the project
 - Project updates were given (and will continue to be given) during Cup of Tea with Principal Lee, PTA Koffee Klatches, ESL Parent meetings and at the Faubion BBQ and Talent Show.
 - 28 community engagement meetings, 9 Design Advisory Group (DAG) Meetings and 2 Public Design Workshops. Meeting minutes are posted on the Faubion Rebuild website. (<http://FaubionBond.pps.net>)
 - Multiple meetings and forums at Concordia University for Concordia faculty, students, and staff.
 - District Early Education Specification meetings attended by a diverse group, including Black Parent Initiative, Latino Network and others.
 - Meetings with St. Michael's leadership

What was a Design Advisory Group (DAG) meeting?

A DAG meeting was a committee work session for DAG members to interact with the design team to help synthesize community input and provide additional details to the process. All the Faubion PK-8 DAG meetings were public and meeting minutes can be found on the Faubion Bond website.

What is Concordia University's role?

Concordia University is partnering with Portland Public Schools as a collaborator in the design and operation of the project. Concordia will contribute land, resources and funding of (\$15.5 million) to the design and construction of Faubion PreK-8 School, Concordia's College of Education and wrap-around services.

What is the history of the partnership between Faubion PK-8 and Concordia?

Concordia and Faubion have been neighbors for 63 years. During this time, many Concordia education students have completed part of their field experience at Faubion, including some current Faubion teachers.

The partnership intensified eight years ago in order to support student learning at Faubion. Concordia provides 300+ student volunteers each year to help tutor and mentor Faubion students in the classrooms, facilitate structured recess, teach in the SUN program, assist with art lessons, and student nurses support Faubion's health and wellness focus.

Working with Faubion PK-8 teachers, Concordia students' have helped improve learning outcomes for Faubion PK-8 students in reading, math and science and dramatically reduced playground discipline referrals. This is a unique opportunity to collaborate on a broader level to help improve student outcomes so all children may pursue their highest dreams.

What will the bond money pay for (vs. what Concordia will pay for)?

\$33 million from the 2012 School Building Improvement Bond will go toward the Faubion rebuild project. In addition to the bond money, Concordia will contribute \$15.5 million and will provide additional land to the project site. Concordia's contribution will support its College of Education to be co-located on-site, as well as additional services for Faubion families, including the early childhood education center, health & wellness center and wrap-around services.

When will Faubion PK-8 students return to Faubion School + Concordia University?

Students and staff will return to the newly rebuilt Faubion School in August of 2017. We are referring to Tubman School as the "Transition School" for our students.

Where will Faubion PK-8 students be located during construction?

Tubman School at 2231 N. Flint will serve the students, teachers, staff and Concordia volunteers during the demolition and reconstruction of the new Faubion PK-8. Yellow school bus service will provide transportation to all Faubion students (who live within Faubion's neighborhood boundaries) to this interim school location while construction takes place.

How does an early childhood education center fit in?

There will be a new Early Childhood Center for children ages four and younger able to accommodate over 100 children. Parents and families in the Concordia-Cully Neighborhood have great needs in the area of early childhood learning. Starting education early provides young people a head start on learning that will help them thrive in school and life. Faubion School was able to launch about half of the Early Childhood Center this year at Faubion @ Tubman. Next year we hope to add about another 40 students.

What is the plan for Health and Wellness?

Health & Wellness services are included in the project to help support student learning for Faubion, a Title I School that already provides free and reduced lunch to 100% of its students. Also, non-profit partners and others have agreed to explore opportunities to partner with us to support the Health & Wellness of Faubion students and families by opening a health clinic for Faubion PK-8 students.

What is the plan regarding a small-scale food club?

There will be the opportunity to provide wholesome, organic food at low cost in a small space as part of the new facility and in partnership with Concordia University, to help specifically serve the Faubion PK-8 community. It will be equipped to accept various methods of payment, including EBT, SNAP and WIC. There will be more information coming as the process develops.

Why are PPS and the City collaborating on student transportation projects at bond schools?

Many public and private improvement projects include requirements to construct related transportation improvements as a part of the work. PPS and the City have agreed that the City will design and construct any required transportation projects in the City's right-of-way. PPS provided \$5 million in bond funds to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) as the total cost of PPS' commitment for these projects. Our agreement prioritizes student transportation safety projects required as conditions of permit approvals associated with schools receiving full modernization (Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt High Schools) or replacement (Faubion PK-8). Other improvement project school sites may also be included, as funds allow, to receive transportation improvements that support safe walking and biking to school.

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How can I learn more about the project?

For more information, please join our mailing list email:

faubionreplacement@pps.net. Visit <http://FaubionBond.pps.net> for latest updates and information.

For additional information about the PPS School Building Improvement Bond website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/bond> You may also call the Office of School Modernization at (503) 916-2222