

## RESOLUTION No.

### Southeast Enrollment and Program Balancing Process Phase 2 Process and Charge

#### RECITALS

- A. In June of 2019, the Portland Public Schools (PPS) Board of Education adopted an ambitious vision, *PPS reimagined*, co-constructed by a broad coalition of students, staff and community stakeholders, that provides an aspirational North Star and direction to guide the transformation of our school system.
- B. While PPS engages in multi-pronged efforts to improve student outcomes through the implementation of academic strategies and social-emotional support for our students, the District also has several system issues related to the use of its physical facilities that impact student success. To address these issues, the Board of Education and the Superintendent launched an enrollment and program balancing process through Resolution 6059 in February 2020.
- C. The first phase of the process focused on conversion of K-8 schools in Southeast, as part of re-opening Kellogg Middle School. The Southeast Guiding Coalition (SEGC) delivered recommendations in December 2020, and the Board adopted a plan for Kellogg Middle School in January 2021.
- D. At a work session on February 22, 2021, the Board provided direction to staff on the Phase 2 scope of work, supporting a narrow scope focused on converting Harrison Park from a K-8 to a middle school for the 2022-23 school year.
- E. On May 11, 2021, the Board of Education reviewed and provided input on the scope of work and draft SEGC charge.

#### RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors adopts the Phase 2 charge for Southeast enrollment and program balancing, and directs the Superintendent to report back at regular intervals during the process.

#### Charge for the SE Guiding Coalition - Phase 2:

The Coalition will propose revisions to attendance area boundaries and specialized program locations, including dual language immersion, special education services, focus option programs/schools, and pre-k programs, in order to support equitable access to programs and services. Specifically, the Coalition will recommend:

- Attendance area and special program assignments for Harrison Park Middle School
- A plan to relocate K-5 students and programs currently served at Harrison Park
- A plan to increase enrollment at Lane Middle School

The Coalition will strive to support racial equity, social justice, Middle School Redesign, balanced enrollment, and optimized facilities for the 2022-23 school year and beyond. To inform their work, the Coalition will become familiar with current and forecast enrollment data and student demographic and facility utilization information. In addition, PPS staff will provide guidance on preferred locations and configurations of dual language immersion programs, special education services, focus option programs, and pre-K services. SEGC Phase 2 will also be informed by enrollment targets, developed in collaboration with PPS Middle School Redesign efforts.

PPS has launched a Middle School Redesign process anchored to its middle school philosophy. It advocates that students be able to explore and establish their own identity. This can be accomplished by ensuring students have access to a variety of electives and avenues for exploring their interests. There will be opportunities for

project-based learning that deepens students' understanding and extends learning through application in authentic settings.

Rethinking middle schools also emphasizes the need to honor the whole child and build upon their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Middle School Redesign connects PPS Reimagined and the emerging strategic plan's priorities and goals to the middle school experience.

The Coalition will receive feedback on their proposals via two virtual public open houses and additional listening opportunities with key stakeholders. The Coalition will provide a recommendation to the Deputy Superintendent on, or before, the last committee meeting in December, 2021. The Deputy Superintendent will be responsible for evaluating the Coalition's recommendations and bringing a proposal forward to the Portland Public School Board of Directors at the first board meeting in January 2022.

### Guiding Principles

Core values serve as guiding principles for the SE Guiding Coalition throughout the enrollment and program balancing process. Guiding principles are not prioritized and are all important to promote.

When considering enrollment and program balancing the Coalition will stand for the following core values, as stated in the PPS Vision:

- Students at the center
- Racial equity and social justice
- Honesty and integrity
- Excellence
- Respect
- Relationships
- Creativity and innovation
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Grounded in the spirit of Portland
- Joyful learning and leadership

### Outcome Goal

Support equitable programming to improve the middle school experience, particularly at Harrison Park and Lane middle schools. In order to meet this goal, the SE Guiding Coalition will use current and forecast enrollment data, student demographic and facility utilization information, programs goals and middle school enrollment targets to:

- Balance students across SE middle schools, ensuring Harrison Park and Lane middle schools have sufficient enrollment to offer full programming. This may be accomplished through boundary adjustments, whole-school feeder pattern changes, and specialized program movement.
- Realign middle school boundaries so that the Kellogg building is located within its own attendance area.
- Determine the future location for Harrison Park K-5 students, and related boundary changes and specialized program moves.