

Help shape your student's high school experience

Portland Public Schools is holding two community workshops about plans to create a stronger system of high schools, as well as to modernize the school district's outdated buildings. The workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the state in-service day (no school) Friday, Oct. 9, in the Marshall Campus cafeteria, 3905 S.E. 91st Ave., and on Saturday, Oct. 17, in the Rosa Parks Elementary School cafeteria, 8960 N. Woolsey Ave.

A free lunch will be available for everyone at the Oct. 9 workshop. Free child care will be available for children ages 3 and over at both meetings. Reservations are requested: Please call 503-916-3304 or e-mail pjohnson@pps.k12.or.us. Interpretation services will be available in Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese and Somali.

PPS families and students are strongly encouraged to attend one (or both) of the workshops, which will follow the same format. Each workshop will feature three sessions; you are welcome to attend one, two or all three of them:

- 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. ***Building a stronger High School System***

Hear how the plan to improve Portland Public Schools' High School System promotes better outcomes for students, how it would change the current high school system, what to expect in the coming years, and which questions and details remain. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions.

- 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. ***Delving into details of High School System design***

Take part in a discussion about specific but very crucial issues related to high school design: 1) the pros and cons of different-sized community schools and 2) the criteria for determining locations of community and magnet schools.

- 12:15 p.m. -1 p.m. Lunch break
- 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. ***Creating smart, sustainable schools for Portland***

Staff from the PPS Office of School Modernization will offer an update on the school district's Smart Sustainable Schools initiative. You will be able to brainstorm with architects to sketch out what a safe, smart and sustainable learning environment might look like.

Learn more about the [High School System](#) and the [Office of School Modernization](#).