



FOUNDATION FOR
PORTLAND
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ANNUAL REPORT 2019–2020

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2019–2020 was a time of change at the Foundation for Portland Public Schools. Our fundraising priorities quickly shifted with the advent of COVID-19 to emergency funding for students and families and supporting remote learning. We are proud of our community's response to the pandemic-related needs of our students and their families.

In 2019, our first Executive Director, Kate Snyder, stepped down after being elected mayor of Portland. While sad to see Kate move on, we are thrilled about her leadership in Portland and continued advocacy for the Portland Public Schools.



Josh Rent



Andi Weisman Summers

Andi Weisman Summers started as the FPPS Executive Director in April, 2020. She joins us after many years of work as a teacher, educational coach, immigration advocate, and non-profit leader. Andi's background and experience make her uniquely qualified to lead us during this challenging time and beyond.

Finally, we are happy to share that our capacity campaign, launched in 2018, enabled us to hire Jeanine Bischoff in October, 2019 as the Foundation for Portland Public School's first Advancement Coordinator. We are already feeling the benefits of increased capacity with a second staff member.

Portland is the largest and most diverse school district in Maine. Our schools are amazing AND they need support due to declining federal, state, and local revenue. The Foundation staff and Board of Directors are working to generate community investment in our schools. Thank you to all of our community members who are involved and helping in whatever way you can.

Josh Rent, *Board President*

Andi Weisman Summers, *Executive Director*

Mission

The Foundation for Portland Public School's mission is to raise philanthropic support to enhance educational opportunities for present and future students in Portland's public schools.

Vision

FPPS's vision is to strengthen schools through community investment.

Goals

FPPS's goals are educational enrichment, classroom innovation & community engagement.

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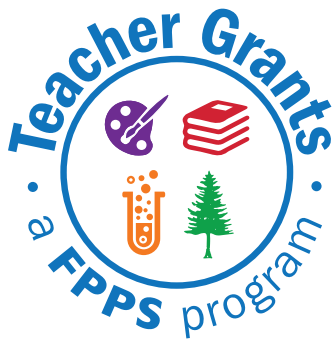
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Foundation for Portland Public Schools was created to leverage the energy and passion of our community to help address the needs of the Portland Public Schools. I am impressed with the Foundation's ability to rise to the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this past year, the Foundation has been responsive and successful in working with individuals, businesses, community members, and foundations to help our vulnerable families most impacted by the crisis. The Foundation's work, including the PPS Food Fund and Families in Crisis Fund, helped hundreds of students and families meet basic needs during the pandemic. The Foundation has also continued to make substantial contributions to our district's equity

work, summer school programming, and providing opportunities for teacher innovation through Equity and Innovation Teacher Grants. As a member of the Foundation's board, I look forward to continuing to build on these successes in the coming year.

—Xavier Botana, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools

2019–2020 EQUITY AND INNOVATION TEACHER GRANTS



Teacher grants are the longest-running program of the Foundation. The FPPS Equity and Innovation Grants Program is designed to support teacher-led classroom innovations which enhance learning experiences for students in Portland Public Schools. The program recognizes, rewards, and supports teachers' work to inspire students and improve learning outcomes for all students. It responds directly to the Foundation's goals to support educational enrichment, classroom innovation, and community engagement by empowering teachers to invest in innovations they believe will have meaningful impact and reach, and experiences that involve expert content, including field trips, guest speakers, and professional resources to amplify educational engagement and attainment.

LAST YEAR, FPPS AWARDED 75 GRANTS TOTALING \$47,016.

“I am so thankful to have received grant money to support our cooking class. Working on functional life skills includes grocery shopping and cooking for themselves and this grant allowed us to work on this important skill.”

— Amy Hague, inclusive cooking program, Gerald E. Talbot Community School



2019–2020 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Once again, we raised more money than we had budgeted for this year. Given a global health and economic crisis, we are thrilled that we were able to raise over half a million dollars for Portland's students, teachers, and families.

Beginning in March 2020, our fundraising focus shifted to COVID-19 crisis response for Portland students and their families. The Foundation was created to leverage the energy and passion of community to meet these types of needs. 2019–2020 brought hundreds of new donors to the Foundation. Thank you to the network of community members who are engaging with and investing in the Portland Public Schools.

INCOME

Restricted	\$368,394
Unrestricted	\$51,150
PPS contribution for staff salary & benefits*	\$102,113
Gifts in Kind	\$15,343
Total Revenue	\$537,000

EXPENSES

Investments in PPS	\$311,211
Operating Costs	\$28,920
Salaries and Benefits*	\$102,113
Distribution of in Kind	\$15,343
Total Expenses	\$457,587

**Note: PPS, per a Memorandum Of Understanding, contributes only the Executive Director's salary and benefits. FPPS raised the Advancement Coordinator salary through private contributions to our capacity campaign in 2018. These funds were given to PPS to disburse through their payroll office.*

INVESTMENTS THAT SUPPORT THE PORTLAND PROMISE: ACHIEVEMENT, EQUITY, THE WHOLE STUDENT, AND PEOPLE

Lennox Foundation – \$25,000

Supporting both Equity and Innovation Teacher Grants and professional development for FPPS board and staff.

L. L. Bean – \$21,000

Continuing support for outdoor adventure, stewardship, and access to Rippleffect programming for all middle schools.

United Way of Greater Portland – \$20,000

Contributing to the PPS Food Fund to combat food insecurity for Portland students and their families.

Bangor Savings Bank Foundation – \$12,500

Supporting FPPS to build our capacity by hiring a second staff member.

Verizon Foundation – \$10,000

Contributing to continued investments in elementary STEM programming.

Benchmark Real Estate – \$10,000

Donating to STEM programming and to providing training for PPS social workers in trauma-informed support for students.

Elmina B. Sewall Foundation – \$7,500

Providing a COVID-19 rapid response grant to the Families in Crisis fund to help meet basic needs for PPS families.

Francis Hollis Brain Foundation – \$5,000

Providing a grant to the Families in Crisis fund to help meet basic needs for PPS families.

Good Shepherd Food Bank – \$5,000

Funding a pilot program for families in need to receive credit to purchase culturally appropriate food at local, immigrant-owned markets.

PTC, Inc. – \$5,000

Supporting the integration of STEM programming in Portland schools.

Eagle Point Fund – \$5,000

Supporting FPPS to build our capacity by hiring a second staff member.

MANAGED FUNDS

The Foundation for Portland Public Schools is pleased to work with a variety of individuals and organizations to create and manage funds in the interest of schools and students. Our 2019–2020 managed funds included:

- **Rising Tide**
- **Step Up Award at Portland High School**
- **SolaRise**
- **Annetta Weatherhead Fund For Reiche School**
- **PPS Food Fund**
- **Families in Crisis Fund**
- **Extended Learning**



\$76,355 of COVID-19 Crisis Funds — *amount raised between March 15, 2020, and the end of the school year for crisis funds to help families meet basic needs (food, shelter, utilities) during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic. The outpouring of donations from community members, local businesses, and foundations went to:*

Families in Crisis

This fund allows the District to help families directly with basic needs other than food. The Families in Crisis Fund can be used to help Portland families who are experiencing unemployment or have been otherwise affected by COVID-19 to pay their rent, utilities, transportation, cell phone, or medical costs and to help students access internet data services for remote learning.



PPS Food Fund

The PPS Food Fund provides grants through the Food Fuels Learning Network to school staff and/or community partners such as The Locker Project, Presente Maine, Food for All Services, Cultivating Community, and the Wayside Food Program to provide culturally appropriate food for Portland students and their families in need, and to help address food insecurity.

Books to Homes

PPS identified 600 elementary school children who struggled to connect regularly during remote online learning. Books to Homes campaign was designed to get books into their hands. Their teachers hand selected engaging, culturally relevant books at each student's reading level. FPPS collected donations to purchase these books through our local partner, Longfellow Books, and have them mailed directly to students' homes. We distributed 1,206 books to 603 students!

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

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