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**ANNUAL
REPORT
2021-2022**

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our work at FPPS is to help make the Portland Public Schools even better. When it became clear that the 2021-22 school year was continuing as a difficult time for students, families, and staff, we did everything we could to provide more support.

- **We raised more.** This year, our total revenue was over \$1.7M — \$271 per student.
- **We heard concerns about students' mental health and took action.** We raised funds to train teachers how to incorporate Social-Emotional Learning practices into the curriculum.
- **We recognized that teachers were overwhelmed.** This spring we launched a second round of teacher grants for summer planning work to acknowledge the importance of teachers' time and efforts.
- **We worked to center equity in both our goals and process.** Consistent collaboration with students, parents, and community members is critical to hearing a diversity of perspectives. Our community helped us to prioritize diversity in recruiting and hiring efforts and funding the Wabanaki Studies documentary film project last year.
- **We helped to increase STEM offerings.** FPPS funded the creation of a mobile makerspace, a computer lab at Casco Bay High School, and a range of other equipment and resources.

All of this happens thanks to community support. Whether it's sharing time, ideas, donations, or other contributions, community engagement leads to better outcomes for students. We welcome your engagement and thank you for your support.

Sarah Moran, *Board President*

Andi Weisman Summers, *Executive Director*

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Our Mission is to be a catalyst for increased educational opportunities, achievement, and equity for all Portland Public Schools students and staff.

Our Vision is to strengthen schools through community investment.

Our Goals are educational enrichment, innovation and community engagement.



2021-2022 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

This was our first full year hosting Portland Empowered as a program of FPPS. Their income and expenses are included below.

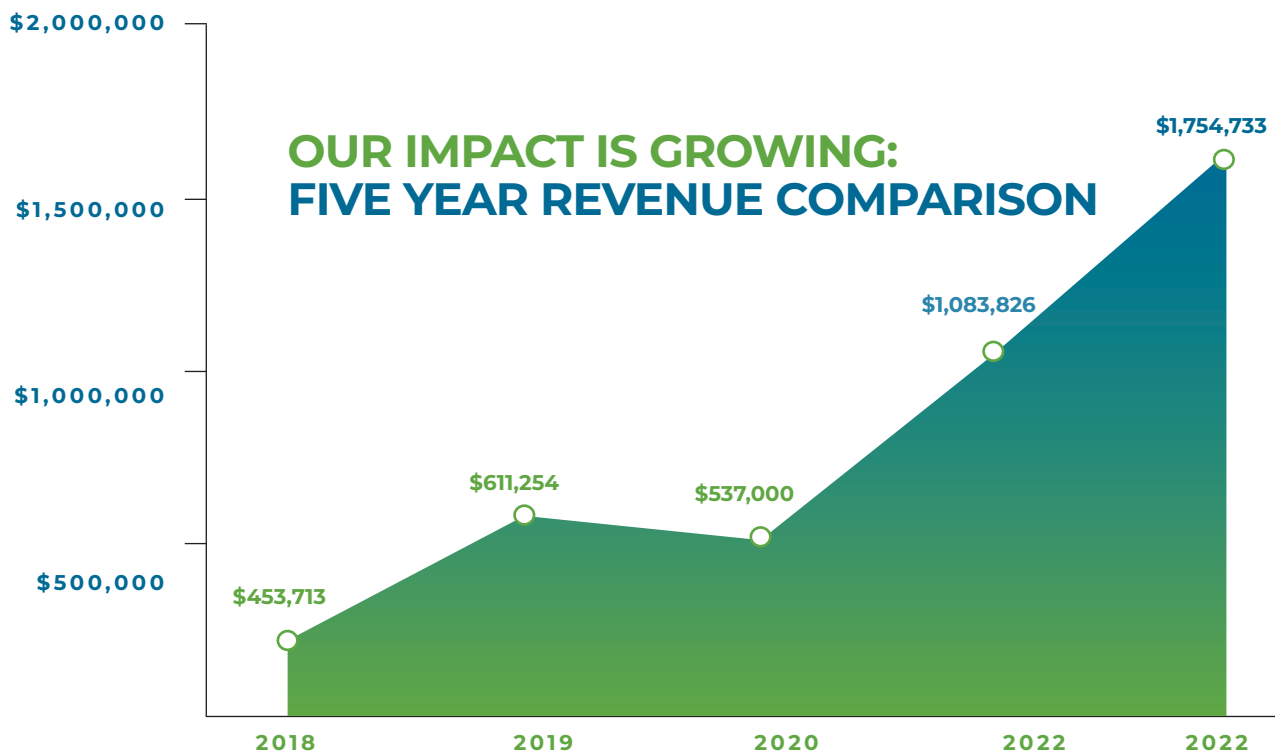
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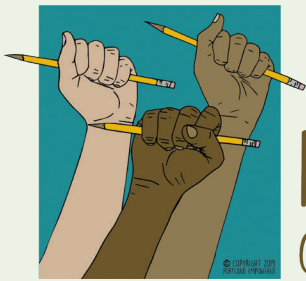
Restricted	\$840,078
Portland Empowered Donations	\$571,613
Unrestricted	\$215,739
PPS contribution for staff salary & benefits*	\$113,452
Gifts in Kind	\$3,172
Total Revenue	\$1,744,054

EXPENSES

Investments in PPS	\$933,288
Administrative Costs	\$68,959
Salaries and Benefits*	\$392,813
Distribution of in Kind	\$3,172
Total Expenses	\$1,398,232

*PPS, per a Memorandum Of Understanding, contributes the Executive Director's salary and benefits. FPPS raises funds and pays for all other staff salaries and benefits.





PORTLAND EMPOWERED CHAMPIONING VOICE IN EDUCATION

Portland Empowered has been a program of FPPS since March of 2021. The primary goal of Portland Empowered is to ensure that student and parent voices are involved in policy and practice in the Portland Public Schools. This involves leadership development, creating spaces for dialogue that lift up historically underrepresented stakeholders, and playing an active role in shaping a more equitable and accountable education system.

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School librarian Eva Platt used a grant to bring Lego Education to the Presumpscot library to help students learn about simple machines, engineering, and coding.

2021–2022 TEACHER GRANTS

The FPPS Equity and Innovation Grants Program supports teacher-led classroom innovations which enhance learning experiences for PPS students. The program recognizes, rewards, and supports teachers' work to inspire students and improve learning outcomes in alignment with the Portland Promise.

In the fall of 2021, FPPS awarded \$51,619 of grants to 66 teachers, social workers, ed techs, and librarians at 17 different schools.

In the spring of 2022, we brought back our Summer Innovation Planning Grant program, awarding \$30,300 to 12 teams of teachers across the district to advance new approaches for learning or otherwise prepare for the next school year.

"I am so grateful for this opportunity you have given to make learning more exciting and to improve students' imaginations and storytelling skills. It is an investment that will affect hundreds of students over the years."

– Allison Villani, grant recipient and art teacher, Reiche Elementary school

PROGRAMS & PRIORITIES

FPPS works with district leaders, educators, students, families, and community members to identify and fundraise for a range of priority areas that benefit schools and students. Some of our primary program areas include:

Addressing the Opportunity Gap includes a range of initiatives to deepen and accelerate systemic racial equity work in the district. **Last year, we raised \$469,468 for this work.** Two of the primary initiatives funded were the creation of a documentary film for the new Wabanaki studies curriculum and a range of supports to help ed techs become certified teachers to help diversify the PPS staff.

Families in Crisis is a program that helps vulnerable PPS families with emergency needs other than food such as housing, utilities, transportation, medical costs, or critical supplies. **During the 21-22 school year, we disbursed \$60,841 to help meet the needs of 225 students and their families** so that students could focus more on learning and less on worrying.

STEM funds support additional opportunities for students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. **Last year, we built and outfitted a mobile makerspace that will travel to all of Portland's elementary schools starting in September 2022.**



PPS Food Fund addresses food insecurity for students and their families. In partnership with Food Fuels Learning and the Cumberland County Food Security Council, **we raised and distributed \$21,260** to help launch a culturally appropriate food pantry at the Multilingual & Multicultural Office, supported school snack and backpack programs, and more.

MANAGED FUNDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to our own programs and fundraising priorities, FPPS is pleased to work with a variety of individuals and organizations to create and manage funds in the interest of schools and students.

The Annetta Weatherhead Fund at Reiche School provides flexible and easily-accessible financial resources to improve the lives of Reiche students and enhance their educational opportunities.

Barbara Anderson Scholarships recognize first generation college students from Portland High School who demonstrate strong academic achievement and financial need.

Make It Happen! Scholarships provide four years of financial support for immigrant or refugee students at Deering High School who have been accepted to college.

Rising Tide Awards provide summer opportunities for students from immigrant families to pursue academic and personal interests, strengthen college applications, and develop leadership skills.

SolaRise funds construction of solar arrays on school buildings through advocacy and collaboration between students, the City of Portland, environmental groups, and funders.

Step Up Awards allow recipients at Portland High School to participate in extracurricular opportunities by decreasing the need to work after school and/or on weekends.

Thompson Scholarships honor two Brown Medal Scholars and two poets graduating from Portland High School each year.

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FPPS is an essential partner to the district, serving to address unmet needs in our schools, bring additional resources into our classrooms, and help bring innovation and positive change to the district. It is a pleasure to serve on the FPPS Board of Directors and to work with their staff at PPS.

Xavier Botana, *Superintendent of Portland Public Schools*

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