



FOUNDATION FOR
PORTLAND
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In June 2018 the Foundation Board adopted its first ever 3-Year Strategic Plan which will guide Growth, Sustainability and Communications from 2018–2021.

In 2018–2019 we committed to two new areas of fundraising that we believe will help position FPPS for growth, sustainability, and meaningful impacts to public education in Portland for years to come:

The Visionary Campaign

This campaign engages and recognizes donors who share a strong belief in the long-term positive impacts of a foundation to support Portland Public Schools, and who contribute \$1,000 or more annually either with a one-time gift or a multi-year pledge.

The Capacity Campaign.

This campaign focused on generating support for additional staff capacity which will allow us to respond to more opportunities, expand the work of the Foundation, and sustain the positive impacts of philanthropy for PPS.

Year after year, PPS faces declining state revenues along with competing interests for local property taxes. The Foundation staff and Board of Directors are working to generate meaningful support for PPS. These efforts are coordinated and aligned with the Portland Promise.

Thank you to all of our community members and donors who are helping us build a legacy of support for PPS. Enjoy our 2018–2019 Annual Report, and we hope to see you in 2019–2020!

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Board of Directors left to right: Sarah Moran, Lorie Dana, Stephen Segal, Joshua Rent, Mary Bennett, Jill Botler, Derek Pierce, Sarah Fortin, Michael Bove, Carol Hager

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Portland Public Schools are on the move. And the Foundation for Portland Public Schools is a key player in our progress. In its fourth year, the Foundation for Portland Public Schools has made impressive gains to solidify community support for our schools.

Recently, the Portland Board of Public Education recognized the value of this work by authorizing the continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation and PPS for another two years. FY20 and FY21 will no doubt be periods of growth as we build on existing relationships and foster new ones with people, businesses and foundations passionate about investing in public education.

Xavier Botana, *Superintendent of Portland Public Schools*



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 vision is to strengthen schools through community investment.

THE STORY THE BUDGET TELLS: IT'S A GOOD ONE...

2018–2019 was a growth year, to be sure. Total revenues grew by nearly **35%** over the previous year.

In addition to the continuation and growth of funds, the creation of new funds, new gifts and recurring gifts, the Foundation for Portland Public Schools established a sponsored nonprofit relationship with R.M. Davis. This means that the FPPS will not be assessed a fee for service from R.M. Davis for the investment and management of estate gifts, gifts of securities, managed funds, reserve funds, and maybe someday, an endowment.

As we expand our support for Portland Public Schools through the generosity of donors, we are thrilled to have a local financial management partner who will help us respond to and manage a variety of planned giving scenarios.

2018–2019 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

INCOME

Restricted	\$522,296
Unrestricted	\$53,722
Fee Income	<u>\$20,583</u>
Subtotal	\$596,601
In Kind Contributions	<u>\$14,653</u>
Total Revenue	\$611,254

EXPENSES

Direct Investments in PPS	\$232,951
Operations	\$16,256
In Kind Contributions	<u>\$14,653</u>
Total Expenses	\$254,860

Restricted Funds to be Released in FY20	\$298,345
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GRANTS PROGRAMMING SUPPORTS PPS

Grant Programming is a cornerstone of the Foundation's work to support PPS.

TEACHER GRANTS PROGRAM – \$35,000

The 10th annual Teacher Grants program totaling in 54 grants \$35,000. Grant awards support a broad range of learning opportunities in all subjects and at all grade levels, PreK through Adult Education.

MAINE AUDUBON – \$13,000

In its third annual grants program for PPS Teachers, Maine Audubon awarded nearly \$13,000.

FUND FOR TEACHERS – \$6,379

This partnership provided summer grants to teachers with a “match” in investment by FPPS and Fund for Teachers. Gift In Kind \$6,379

CULTURE CLUB – \$100,000

2018–2019 was the last year of generous funding from an anonymous donor in support of a public-private partnership between PPS and Portland Stage, Ovation, the Symphony, and the Portland Museum of Art.

“Maine Audubon’s decades of work with Portland Public Schools has been critical for engaging many thousands of people in wildlife habitat conservation throughout Portland and far beyond. We are so grateful to be partnering with the Foundation for Portland Public Schools in helping increase access to our programs for the entire district and enabling us to work with so many inspired teachers and students,” says Maine Audubon’s director of education, Eric Topper.



INVESTMENTS THAT SUPPORT THE PPS STRATEGIC PLAN: THE PORTLAND PROMISE

These gifts are among the many that support strategic investments in support of Achievement, Equity, the Whole Student, and People.

ENSIGN BICKFORD FOUNDATION – \$34,760

The parent company of EnviroLogix has contributed \$18,760 toward a lab renovation at PATHS, \$8,000 in support of the STEM Expo, and \$8,000 for Teacher Grants.

UNUM – \$25,000

Once again UNUM supports PPS summer school with a gift of over \$25,000.

LENNOX FOUNDATION – \$25,000

A generous supporter of both Teacher Grants, and the Capacity Building Campaign.

L.L. BEAN – \$21,000

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

SAM L. COHEN FOUNDATION – \$18,000

Equity work in Portland Public Schools.

BANGOR SAVINGS BANK FOUNDATION – \$12,500

Generously supporting capacity building in order that the Foundation can hire additional staff capacity.

VERIZON FOUNDATION – \$10,000

A grant to support investments in elementary STEM.

WEX – \$9,000

Our new neighbor in Portland! WEX will support coaching for Middle School Math Coaches and Principals.

THE BILL & JOAN ALFOND FOUNDATION – \$8,000

Support for PPS community outreach and engagement.

BENCHMARK REAL ESTATE – \$5,245

Funding from the first annual Portland Kids Duathlon in support of Teacher Grants.

EAGLE POINT FUND – \$5,000

Funding to support the Annetta Weatherhead Fund at Reiche School.

HORIZON FOUNDATION – \$5,000

Capacity building in order that the Foundation can hire additional staff capacity.



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. During the 2017–2018 school year, two funds were established: *The Annetta Weatherhead Fund for Reiche School* and the *Step Up Award* for Portland High School. During the 2018–2019 school year three new funds were created: the *PPS Food Fund*, the *Solarise Fund* and the *Rising Tide Fund*.

RISING TIDE

The Rising Tide Award was created in memory of John William Burgess. It provides an opportunity for high-achieving, motivated high school students from immigrant families in Portland, Maine to pursue academic and personal interests, strengthen college applications, and develop valuable leadership skills through a unique summer program experience. Two annual awards at \$5,000 are available.

STEP UP AWARD AT PHS

The Step Up Award provides funding for students who would otherwise have to forego extracurricular opportunities because they have to work after school and/or on weekends. The intent of the program is to provide students the chance to participate in extracurricular opportunities, ideally team-based activities such as sports and/or academic-based team work. Two students will each receive \$1,250 per semester from the time of award until graduation.

SOLARISE

SolaRise Portland is a collaboration of students across Portland Public Schools, the City of Portland, and some environmental groups inspired by the vision to solarize Portland schools. Solarise advocates for solar arrays on school buildings as part of our city's transition to cleaner and brighter future, powered by renewable energy.

ANNETTA WEATHERHEAD FUND AT REICHE SCHOOL

The goal for the Fund is to provide flexible and easily-accessible financial resources to improve the lives of Reiche students and enhance their educational opportunities. It is named for Annetta Weatherhead, who epitomizes the underlying spirit and intent of the Fund—a daily all-in, whatever-it-takes approach to support the school and student success.

PPS FOOD FUND

This fund is intended to support food security for students and their families with investments identified by the Portland Public Schools Food Security Task Force.



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Reverb

Spring for Teachers 2019

On May 29th we gathered to celebrate Portland Public Schools and the Teacher Grants Program that supports teacher-led innovations, enhancements, projects, and enrichment. It was a beautiful spring evening shared with our generous and engaged community of supporters who all share a passion for public education in Portland.

Many thanks to:

- The Cumberland Club for hosting the event
- Derek Pierce, Principal, Casco Bay High School, for MCing the event
- Chris Salamone, Teacher, for sharing his story
- Julie Compilio, a youth yoga and mindfulness educator, for her demonstration about the mindfulness program
- Jane Sawtelle, Teacher, and the many students who shared their musical talents
- Lorie Dana, Mary Bennett, Josh Rent, and Ed Bryan for their tireless planning and execution
- And to all who attended to support Portland Public Schools.

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