



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2022-2023**



**FOUNDATION FOR
PORTLAND
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



At the Foundation for Portland Public Schools (FPPS), we work to generate community support for Portland's schools. We seek input, volunteers, grants, and donations and strive to foster community engagement with a wide range of stakeholders.

The 2022-23 school year was another year of growth for FPPS. We are happy to share some of our accomplishments, investments, and stories of impact over the past year.

We launched the Portland Public Schools Alumni & Friends

network so that PPS graduates can stay connected with each other, current students can connect with graduates, and our full community can hear about upcoming events and news from our schools.

We set a priority of expanding and supporting music and arts programming in our schools and were delighted with the generosity of donors, including a parent who gave \$250,000 for art, music, and drama teachers to invest in equipment and programming for students.

We secured substantial funding for efforts to support ed techs to become certified as teachers or social workers. We continued to prioritize efforts to diversify the PPS staff and retain educators of color who are already in the district.

Finally, we are thrilled to welcome aboard a new superintendent and FPPS board member, Dr. Ryan Scallon. Dr. Scallon is already a strong partner in our work.

It is inspiring to see how much our community values strong public schools. Thank you for being part of our community working to make the Portland Public Schools even better!



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As I join the Portland Public Schools and the Portland community, I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with students, staff, families, community partners and elected officials. Without exception, everyone speaks about the faith they have in our public schools and the opportunity to achieve a vision where all students leave us ready to succeed. To build on the strengths of our school communities and achieve this vision, the Portland Public Schools is fortunate to have a partner in the Foundation for Portland Public Schools. Our partnership not only provides resources to students and grants to our educators, but also serves as an essential connector and convenor of partners across the city. We are lucky to have such a strong foundation supporting our students and staff. I look forward to joining the Foundation's board, and working closely with the other board members, staff, and partners to deepen the work in the Portland Public Schools and ensure that all students graduate prepared and empowered.

Ryan Scallon, *Superintendent of Portland Public Schools*

2022–2023 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

INCOME

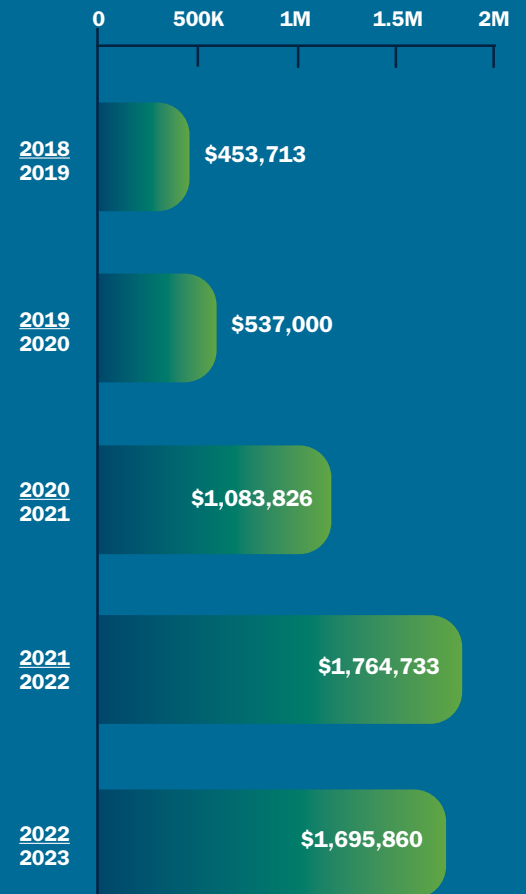
Donations to specific FPPS programs	\$991,650
Donations to Portland Empowered	\$326,081
Unrestricted donations	\$183,729
PPS contribution for staff salary & benefits*	\$121,051
Non-cash gifts	\$73,348
Total Revenue	\$1,695,860

EXPENSES

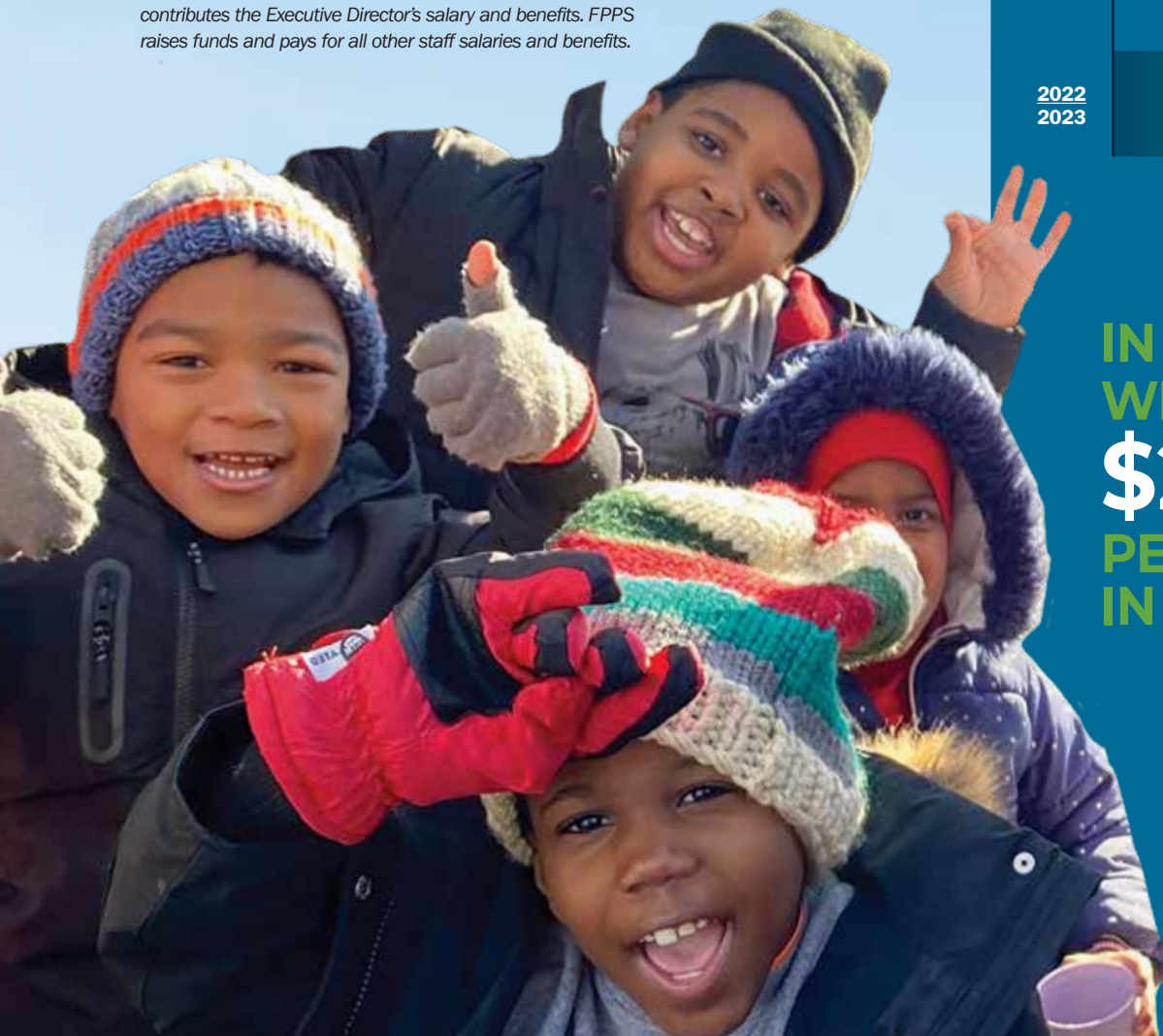
Investments in PPS	\$903,472
Administrative costs	\$104,243
Salaries and benefits*	\$375,758
Distribution of non-cash gifts	\$73,348
Total Expenses	\$1,456,821

* Note: 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.

FIVE YEAR REVENUE COMPARISON



IN 2022-23,
WE RAISED
\$235
PER STUDENT
IN PPS!



FPPS WORKS WITH EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK THIS PAST YEAR INCLUDE:

EQUITY & INNOVATION GRANTS

Staff across PPS have an opportunity each year to apply for up to \$1,000 for projects that benefit students. These funds are used for enriching experiences like field trips, performances, guest speakers, or school supplies.

Afnan & Meara participated in kayaking and team building activities throughout high school, thanks in part to FPPS Equity & Innovation Grants.



PORTLAND EMPOWERED CHAMPIONING VOICE IN EDUCATION

Summer 2023 marks the end of our fiscal sponsorship of Portland Empowered. It was a wonderful partnership that advanced the FPPS mission and goals. Portland Empowered's work to authentically incorporate historically underrepresented student and parent voices in school decision making has strengthened and expanded our own community engagement efforts. We are excited to continue to partner with them in this area as they move towards independence.

Portland Empowered Director Pious Ali and PPS student leaders at a youth leadership conference.

Thanks to the FY23 donors and supporters of Portland Empowered:

- Keyan Bliss
- Bowdoin College
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- Flatbread Portland
- Gateway Community Services
- Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Maine Initiatives
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- Jessica Weddell



MUSIC & THE ARTS

FPPS created the Music & the Arts fund with an initial goal of purchasing enough instruments to ensure that no students were turned away from participation in band or orchestra. We quickly met that goal, and led by the generous support of one PPS parent, we raised over \$275,000 to purchase instruments, kilns, and other resources that will serve PPS students like Katyana for years to come.

"I'm really excited to play in band."
— Katyana, King Middle School student



THE LAUNCH OF PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI & FRIENDS

This spring, we launched Portland Public Schools Alumni and Friends. Through this network, alumni and community members can stay connected and celebrate alumni achievements. We are excited to start building relationships and connections with graduates of Casco Bay, Deering, and Portland high schools!

"I would love to learn more about the alumni and what we can do to help the current students. I would love to meet with other alumni as well." — Taneyka Moore, PHS Class of 2007

"I feel like I got more than a quality education from Deering High School. I made lifetime friends and felt like I mattered while I was there. I was prepared for the expectations that a competitive college required." — Kathy Beauregard County, DHS Class of 1983

OTHER PROGRAM AREAS AND MANAGED FUNDS INCLUDE:

Addressing the Opportunity Gap, a range of initiatives to deepen and accelerate systemic racial equity work in the district

SolaRise, an initiative to build solar arrays on school buildings

Equity and Innovation Grants, providing funding for PPS staff to invest in innovations they believe will have meaningful impact on students

The Annetta Weatherhead Fund for Reiche, a managed fund designed to improve the lives of Reiche students and enhance their educational opportunities

Families in Crisis, a program that helps PPS families with emergency needs such as housing, utilities, transportation, medical costs, or critical supplies

STEM, creating additional opportunities for students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math

The PPS Food Fund, a partnership with Food Fuels Learning with an aim to address food insecurity for students and families

A range of scholarships at each of our three high schools.

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