

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



FOUNDATION FOR
PORTLAND
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS



Ryan Scallon,
Superintendent of
Portland Public Schools

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Portland Public Schools is very fortunate to have the Foundation for Portland Public Schools (FPPS) as a partner, each year and especially as the district launches our new strategic plan. The five-year strategic plan, approved in June, is designed to help fulfill our district's unique potential — and that dovetails with the mission of FPPS. FPPS works to identify and fundraise for a range of priorities that benefit schools and students, and its programs help enhance most of the five priorities of our new strategic plan: Equity, Achievement, Whole Student, People, and Systems.

For example, FPPS' Addressing the Opportunity Gap Program is a community campaign to accelerate and expand our school district's Equity work. That campaign also assists in our People efforts by aiding in the recruitment, hiring, support, and advancement of the careers of BIPOC staff members. The FPPS annual Equity and Innovation Teacher Grants Program strengthens our Achievement efforts by providing funds directly to educators for innovative and creative projects to deepen learning. Two programs that support our Whole Student goal are the FPPS Music and the Arts program, which provides students with musical instruments, art supplies and opportunities to attend concerts, theater, museums, or other performances, and the Ed Feeney Athletics Fund, which provides basic athletic gear to students who want to play sports but can't afford the gear needed.

As we move into the 2024-2025 school year and beyond, our strategic plan provides us with a clear roadmap of what Maine's largest and most diverse school district wants to achieve over the next five years and how to get there. The Portland Public Schools is lucky to have such a strong foundation supporting our students and staff in this work.

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



FPPS facilitates community support for Portland Public Schools (PPS). We work with a network of individuals, businesses, and organizations to support Portland Public Schools through engagement, volunteering, and financial support. Our goal is to make the excellent education offered within PPS even better.

In the 2023-24 school year, we contributed almost \$1.3 million to PPS.

The projects that we supported are too long to list, but include programming as diverse as:

- The mobile makerspace, which visits all elementary schools
- A new computer lab for Deering High School
- Middle school outdoor adventure and social-emotional learning with Rippleffect
- Grants to over 120 PPS teachers and staff members
- Wabanaki Studies curriculum and fieldwork
- New musical instruments for classes across the district
- Help with basic needs (food, housing, and utilities) for 240 individuals

We deeply appreciate our community's generous support for the Portland Public Schools.

Our schools anchor, inspire, and prepare Portland's youth and adult students to be productive employees, lifelong learners, and active citizens.



Marie Mueller,
Board President



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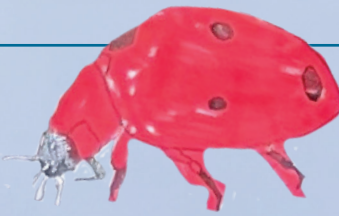
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INCOME

Donations to Specific Programs	\$1,043,183
Unrestricted Income	\$184,975
PPS contribution for staff salary & benefits*.....	\$129,189
Gifts in Kind	\$75,915
Total Revenues	\$1,433,262

EXPENDITURES

Direct Investments in PPS	\$1,047,554
Administrative Costs	\$75,054
Salaries and Benefits*.....	\$240,924
Distribution of Gifts in Kind.....	\$75,915
Total Expenditures	\$1,439,447



**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.*



LAST YEAR
WE RAISED
\$217 PER
STUDENT
IN PPS!



Every student deserves a good foundation. FPPS works with educators, students, families, businesses, and community members to help make the Portland Public Schools even better. Our programs and priorities are designed to:

1. INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Field trips, concerts, supplies for hands-on science projects, school gardens, ceramics, 3D printers. These are the types of investments that FPPS makes to bring joy and academic rigor to the school day, inspiring students to develop a passion for learning.





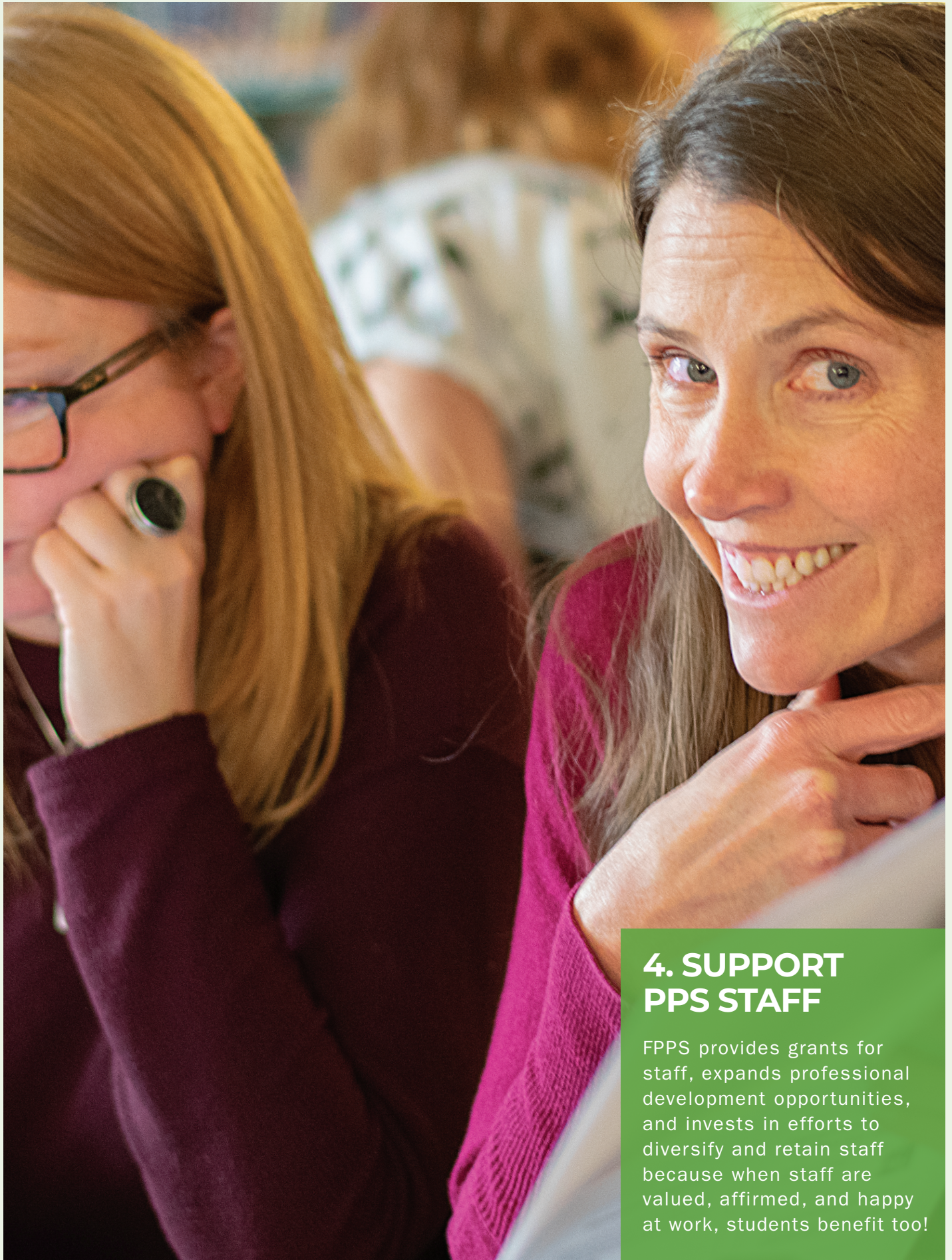
2. IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

Our programming, such as the mobile makerspace, the Music and the Arts Fund, the Ed Feeney Athletics Fund, and grants for school extracurriculars, help motivate students to go to school. We also have programs to address food insecurity, housing, and healthcare access because students need to have their basic needs met to focus on learning.

3. BUILD WORKFORCE READINESS

We build relationships with local businesses, alumni, and community members in support of PPS students and staff. FPPS also manages dozens of scholarships to support post-secondary education for our graduates.





4. SUPPORT PPS STAFF

FPPS provides grants for staff, expands professional development opportunities, and invests in efforts to diversify and retain staff because when staff are valued, affirmed, and happy at work, students benefit too!



Kristina Libby (PHS class of 1991), Joe Foley (DHS class of 1997), and Ekhlās Ahmed (CBHS class of 2009)

THE FIRST ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

2024 was the inaugural year of the FPPS Distinguished Alumni Awards. At our annual Spring for Teachers event, we celebrated the first recipients—Kristina Libby (PHS class of 1991), Joe Foley (DHS class of 1997), and Ekhlās Ahmed (CBHS class of 2009). They made us laugh, cry, and cheer when they shared their experiences in the Portland Public Schools and spoke about the teachers and coaches who impacted their lives.

Distinguished Alumni Awards is a program of our new Portland Public Schools Alumni & Friends Network. We maintain a website with an alumni directory, share alumni profiles, and host events to bring the PPS community together. Visit www.portlandmainealumni.org to learn more!



MAINE COMMUNITY SWIMMING

FPPS became the fiscal sponsor of Maine Community Swimming in the spring of 2024. Founded by former PPS STEM Coordinator Brooke Teller, Maine Community Swimming breaks down barriers to swimming by providing financially accessible and inclusive programs, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to become water-safe. Culturally relevant and trauma-informed water safety programming is a huge benefit to PPS students and families!

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