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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you.

We are proud to celebrate and share the positive impact made possible by YOU, the generous community of donors and volunteers who trust and support the Foundation for Portland Public Schools (FPPS). Together, we have real power to increase student achievement, foster community engagement, and support dedicated teachers and staff.

In 2024-25, we exceeded our budgeted revenue, enabling us to have an even greater impact on students than we had initially hoped. We invested over \$1 million to increase educational opportunities and engage students in learning. This report shares some of the data, stories, and photos of those investments.

On behalf of the FPPS staff and Board of Directors, thank you for believing in our mission. Despite recent uncertainty in public education, this community continues to demonstrate that it cares deeply about the Portland Public Schools. We hope as you read through the following pages, you'll be inspired by what a community can do when they work together to help kids.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Portland Public Schools is deeply grateful to the Foundation for Portland Public Schools for being such an incredible partner. Each year, FPPS works to strengthen our schools through community investment. It does that by stepping in to help where it can with budgetary needs and by providing enrichments and extras beyond what the district is able to put in its budget.

For example, the district strove to keep the impact of the 2025-2026 school budget on local taxpayers as low as possible while meeting the needs of students and educators and FPPS played a role in helping us realize that goal. FPPS is providing funding for a variety of expenses, including the cost of advisors and materials to help in the development of our Wabanaki Studies and Black History curricula; field trips for students; and repair of student musical instruments.



Ryan Scallon, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools

That funding — and all the programs that FPPS works to identify and fundraise for — are aligned to the priorities of our new five-year Strategic Plan: Achievement, Equity, Whole Student, People and Systems.

Our new Strategic Plan launched in 2024, and we'll be devoting the 2025-2026 school year to implementing the plan's second-year initiatives. As we embark on this important work, we feel very fortunate knowing this strong foundation always has our back in support of students and staff.

Board of Directors, 2024-2025

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2024–2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURES

INCOME

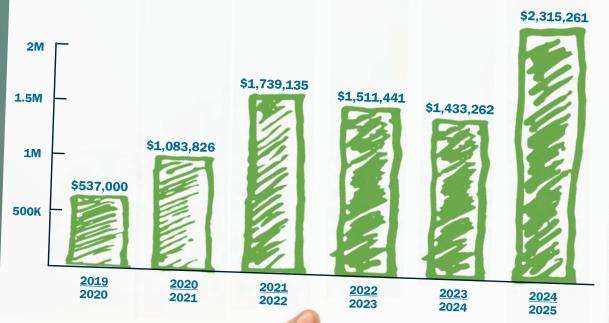
Donations to Specific Programs*	\$1,846,618
Unrestricted Income	\$266,612
PPS Contribution for Staff Salary & Benefits**	\$152,349
Gifts in Kind	\$49,682
Total Revenues	\$2,315,261

EXPENDITURES

Direct Investments in PPS	\$1,069,657
Fundraising Costs	\$104,977
General Administrative Costs	\$159,612
Total Expenditures	\$1,334,246

^{*}Note: FPPS uses an accrual-based accounting system that includes pledged donations, not yet received. This amount includes close to \$1M in pledges for future years.

OUR IMPACT IS GROWING: YEARLY REVENUE COMPARISON





^{**}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.





ROSENTHAL MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY



Sam Rosenthal (right) with PHS biology teacher Eric Begonia



ALUMNI GIVE BACK: THE ROSENTHAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Sam Rosenthal, Portland High School (PHS) class of 1971, donated his collection of fossils to PHS. Rosenthal, a retired engineer who worked for NASA and MIT over the course of his career, was profiled by the Portland Press Herald when the museum opened in spring 2025.

The collection includes fossilized alligator jaws, the massive teeth of a megalodon (an extinct species of shark more than three times the size of modern Great Whites), a triceratops nose horn and parts of its frill, a hadrosaur bone with a bite mark in it (perhaps from an attack that killed it or from some scavenger after its death), and much more. It's on display in the science wing of Portland High School, now called the Rosenthal Museum of Natural History, and will be open to tours by students from across the district.

Rosenthal is also donating the proceeds of his 401(k) to PHS and will work with Principal Sheila Jepson to allocate the money annually.



FPPS presented the second annual **Distinguished Alumni Awards at Spring for Teachers**.

This year's winners have lived incredible lives, taking them from the heart of the Amazon to the stage of Carnegie Hall, one of the most famous music venues in the world. You can read all their stories by joining our alumni network at portlandmainealumni.org!



Celebrating the accomplishments of:

Sydney Kucine

Casco Bay High School, class of 2013

Renee Fay-LeBlanc

Portland High School, class of 1992

Heather Sawyer

Deering High School, class of 1995

Noor Al Dulaimi

Portland Adult Education, class of 2017

HEALTHCARE ACCESS



FPTOZ LPED PECFD

We provided eye exams and glasses to almost 100 students!

Working with 20/20 Onsite and Greater Portland Health, FPPS arranged for mobile optometry visits with a result of:

- · Helping students to read
- Decreasing headaches and eye strain
- · Improving behavior
- · Better performance in school, sports, and all parts of life!



We installed menstrual pad dispensers at every middle and high school!

16,000

In this pilot year, FPPS paid for 16,000 pads and tampons that were distributed.

As a result, we are already seeing:

- An increased level of comfort and decreased shame for many students who no longer need to request supplies in person
- · Higher attendance levels
- A commitment from PPS to fund these supplies moving forward





MAINE COMMUNITY SWIMMING 800 LESSONS TAUGHT—AND COUNTING!

The Foundation for Portland Public Schools is proud to act as the fiscal sponsor for Maine Community Swimming.

Maine Community Swimming provides water safety education and swimming lessons, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to learn essential swimming skills, regardless of their background or abilities. By making swimming education more accessible, Maine Community Swimming intends to reduce the risk of drowning incidents, particularly among those who may face barriers to accessing traditional swimming programs.

Thank You to Maine Community Swimming donors!

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