

RESOLUTION No. 5398

Accepting the Recommendations of the Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group and Commit Staff and the Board to Full Implementation of the Recommendations

RECITALS

- A. In 2017, PPS surveyed the community and convened a Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group (BSAG) to evaluate needs for the next capital improvement bond.
- B. The BSAG recommended, and community feedback affirmed, a bond that would fund modernization of Benson, Lincoln, and Madison High Schools and Kellogg Middle School and at least an additional \$150 million in health and safety projects at schools across the district. Approximately 30 percent of the budgets for the modernization projects comprehensively address health and safety issues, including reducing exposure to hazardous materials, improving accessibility, and addressing fire safety.
- C. The \$150 million in districtwide health and safety projects would address all or some of the needs in the following areas: replacing old pipes and fixtures to reduce lead, improve water quality, and reduce the need to use bottled water in Portland's schools; removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos; upgrade fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems; repairing or replacing leaking or deteriorating school roofs; improving accessibility for people with disabilities; improving building foundations and ventilation to decrease radon exposure; and strengthening school safety and security.
- D. In addition to this bond proposal, the BSAG recommended:
 - a. That the Board and Superintendent by December 2017 be able to clearly articulate a

neighborhood and focus option high schools have sufficient enrollments to support a rigorous and diverse curriculum in a cost effective way in all geographic areas of the city;

- f. That the bond package and public message associated with the bond measure should focus first on addressing critical safety and health issues, backed up by the message that modernizing our high schools comprehensively addresses health and safety issues in those buildings while also providing modern learning environments; and
- g. That the Board acknowledges with gratitude the support of Portland voters for school bonds in 1995 and 2012 and commits to the continued modernization of schools to provide the health, safety, full inclusion, and learning opportunities that every child in Portland deserves.

RESOLUTION

The Board adopts the recommendations and commit the staff and Board to full implementation.