

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Portland Public Schools  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 2017

**Board Auditorium**

Blanchard Education Service Center  
501 N. Dixon Street  
Portland, Oregon 97227

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Note: Those wishing to speak before the School Board should sign the public comment sheet prior to the start of the meeting. No additional speakers will be accepted after the sign-in sheet is removed, but testifiers are welcome to sign up for the next meeting. While the School Board wants to hear from the public, comments must be limited to three minutes. All those testifying must abide by the Board's Rules of Conduct for Board meetings.

Public comment related to an action item on the agenda will be heard immediately following staff presentation on that issue. Public comment on all other matters will be heard during the "Public Comment" time.

This meeting may be taped and televised by the media.

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AGENDA

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| 1. | <u>RECOGNITIONS</u>                   | 6:00 pm |
|    | - Benson Students                     |         |
|    | - Lincoln Environmental Justice Class |         |
|    | - Chapman Mural Project               |         |
|    | - Nutrition Services                  |         |
| 2. | <u>STUDENT TESTIMONY</u>              | 6:30 pm |
| 3. | <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>                 | 6:45 pm |
| 4. | <u>BUSINESS AGENDA</u>                | 7:05 pm |
| 5. | <u>ADJOURN</u>                        | 7:15 pm |

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Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. The District is committed to equal opportunity.



# Board of Education Informational Report

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 3, 2017

**To:** PPS Board of Education

**From:** Judy Brennan, Enrollment and Transfer Director  
Courtney Wilton, Interim Chief Operating Officer

**Subject:** Standard Inter-district Transfer Procedures for the 2017-18 School Year

### Summary

Compliant with state rules adopted in 2014, the PPS Board of Directors must determine each year whether and how many resident students will be released to enroll in other districts, and whether and how many non-resident students will be accepted for enrollment in PPS schools. These decisions are separate from the annual required action regarding Open Enrollment.

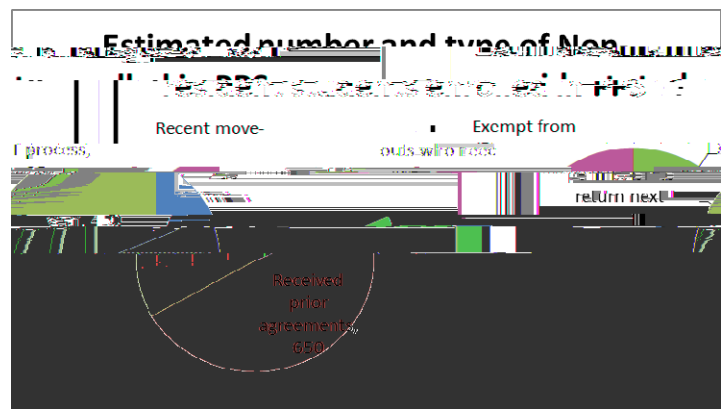
For the 2017-18 School Year, the Superintendent recommends the following:

- 450 slots for non-resident students to enroll in PPS schools, with priority for students who had a legal change of residence out of the PPS district during the school year or over the summer.
- Unlimited slots for qualified PPS resident students to enroll in other districts, so long as they meet the following criteria:
  - Students who had a legal change of residence into the PPS district during the school year or over the summer, and who wish to remain in their current district.
  - Students who will have a sibling enrolled in their requested district next year.
  - Students who were enrolled in their requested districts as 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2016-17 school year.
  - Note that this recommendation does not provide for transfer out of PPS for students who do not meet the above criteria, consistent with procedures approved by the PPS Board of Directors last year.

If approved by the Board on 5/9, interdistrict transfer applications will be available for families by May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Background

Approximately 3% of PPS enrollment is made up of students who reside in other districts. Students attending charter, community based alternative and special schools are exempt from the standard interdistrict transfer (IDT) process, a state law most recently revised in 2015. The remaining students, including



those who move between districts during the school year, must receive permission from both districts in order to enroll in the requested district for the coming school year.

The IDT process is cumbersome and complex: Each district has separate forms and timelines and makes decisions based on different criteria. Furthermore, major changes to state laws

Qualifications for release from PPS 2016-17	PROPOSED qualifications for release from PPS 2017-18
Students who are currently enrolled in their requested district	Students who had a legal change of residence into the PPS district during the school year or over the summer, and who wish to remain in their current district.
Students who will have a sibling enrolled in their requested district next year	Students who will have a sibling enrolled in their requested district next year
	Students who were enrolled in their requested districts as 11 <sup>th</sup> graders in the 2016-17 school year

As was the case last year, there are no transfers allowed out of PPS for students who do not meet the above criteria. State law does permit exceptions to this process for students who meet emergency hardship transfer criteria, defined in OAR 581-021-0019.

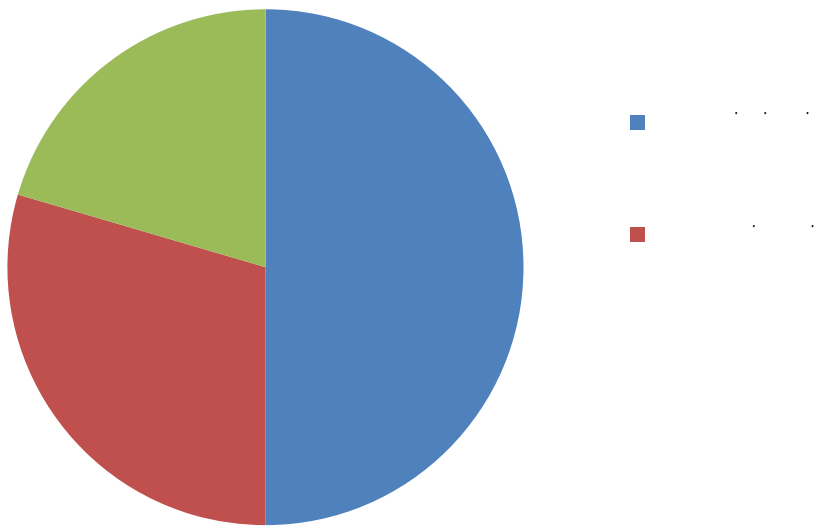
Please contact me with questions or concerns: [jbrennan@pps.net](mailto:jbrennan@pps.net), 503-916-3355

Attachment 1: Draft resolution

Attachment 2: 7 year interdistrict transfer history

1350 non-residents  
252 Exempt from Standard IDT process

Subject to Received Recent move-outs who need permission to return next year  
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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Purchases, Bids, Contracts

The Interim Superintendent RECOMMENDS adoption of the following item:

Number 5454

**RESOLUTION No. 5454**

Expenditure Contracts that Exceed \$150,000 for Delegation of Authority



Other Matters Requiring Board Approval

The Interim Superintendent RECOMMENDS adoption of the following items:

Numbers 5455 and 5456

## RESOLUTION No. 5455

### 2017-18 Standard Inter-District Student Transfers

#### RECITALS

- A. State law requires district school boards to decide each year whether to participate in the standard inter-district transfer process, including:
1. The maximum number of resident students, if any, who will be released to schools in other district,
  2. The maximum number of non-resident students, if any, who will be accepted for enrollment in district schools,
  3. The priorities that will apply in a random lottery, in the event that there are more requests than maximum number of slots for releases or approvals, and
  4. The length of time that agreements will be in effect for non-resident students who transfer into district school.
- B. Of the nearly 1,100 non-resident students attending PPS schools this year who are subject to standard inter-district transfer rules, approximately 450 moved out of the PPS district during the school year or over the summer and will need to obtain permission from their resident districts and PPS in order to remain enrolled in 2017-18. The remaining students received permission in prior years, so do not need to seek it again.
- C. For the 2017-18 school year, Interim Superintendent McKean recommends the School Board set an initial level of 450 standard inter-district transfer slots for new approvals of non-resident students. In accordance with state law, that number may be revised at a later time so long as there are no pending applications.
- D. If there are more applicants than slots into PPS, lottery priority will be given to students who had a legal change of residence out of the PPS district during the school year or over the summer and are requesting schools where they are currently enrolled, as well as students with an older brother or sister who will attend that school next year. Random lottery numbers will be used as tie-breakers as needed.
- E. Standard inter-district lottery approvals into PPS will remain in effect through the highest grade of the approved school. Once a student reaches the highest grade, he/she will have to apply to attend a different PPS school the following year.
- F. The superintendent recommends that all resident students who meet the following criteria be released to attend schools in other districts, so long as they apply for transfer by September 1, 2017:
- Students who had a legal change of residence into the PPS district during the school year or over the summer, and who wish to remain in their current district
  - Students who will have a sibling enrolled in their requested school next year
  - Students who were enrolled in their requested districts as 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2016-17 school year
  - In accordance with state law, releases to other districts remain in effect through 12<sup>th</sup>

