
CUT CLASS SIZES

not teachers

Hello, PPS Families!!!! Thank you for taking action and supporting our schools!

PPS Parent Action Items:

- ☐ [Join Us](#) at the next PPS Budget Meeting
 - ☐ [Have your PTA sign this Collective PTA Letter to PPS](#)
 - ☐ [Send an email](#) to Board Members and PPS Leaders!
 - ☐ [Send an email](#) to your State Senator and Representative!
 - ☐ [Call](#) PPS Leaders!
 - ☐ [Share This Sign up Form](#) with any parents you know that support PPS educators and would like to be on our PAT supporters email listserv-- we will email out updates and when action is necessary!
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JOIN US AT THE SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Please join us at the final PPS Budget Meeting on [May 24th board meeting](#). The budget is scheduled to be amended and approved by the board. The meeting begins at 6pm at the BESC (501 N Dixon St, Portland, OR 97227).

If you would like to sign up for public comment, please send an email to PublicComment@pps.net or call the Board Office at 503-916-3741. For more information about public comment, please go to www.pps.net/Page/1790.

HAVE YOUR PTA SIGN THIS COLLECTIVE PTA LETTER TO PPS

Fourteen PTAs have signed on to a [Collective Letter](#) to the PPS School Board asking them to amend the proposed budget in support of students and educators. Please ask your PTAs to reach out to the following PTAs to sign on to the letter. PTA emails are at the bottom of the email.

EMAIL Board & PPS

[Sample Letter](#) (*you can copy and paste as is or modify to personalize*)

Dear PPS School Board members and District Leaders:

My name is _____ and I am a concerned <parent, grandparent, etc.> at <insert school(s)>. I ask you to reverse the cuts to teacher staffing for next school year. These cuts are the opposite of what we need right now and will hurt students and destabilize our schools. Our children and young people deserve *more* classroom teachers and support for their social and emotional well-being, not less.

With fewer teaching positions next year, class sizes will be larger than they are now, and we already know that this year has been incredibly difficult.

This is not what our students or educators need right now. **Please prioritize funding to REDUCE class sizes and equitably IMPROVE staffing ratios across all our schools.**

Sincerely,
<YOUR NAME>

SEND IT TO (*For one easy copy/paste email*):

anscott@pps.net; mdepass@pps.net; akohnstamm@pps.net; Hermangreene@pps.net;
ghollands@pps.net; jbrim-edwards@pps.net; elowery@pps.net; jweinberg@pps.net;
gguerrero@pps.net; sreese2@pps.net; jgarcia@pps.net; cproctor@pps.net
Cc: patpresident@oregoned.org

SEND IT TO (*For individual emails*):

General email for Board of Education schoolboard@pps.net

Individual Board members (click link for zone map to see who your representative is)

- Zone 1 (SW) - Andrew Scott (Vice Chair) anscott@pps.net
- Zone 2 (Inner SE + NE) - Michelle DePass (Board Chair) mdepass@pps.net
- Zone 3 (NW + SW) - Amy Kohnstamm akohnstamm@pps.net
- Zone 4 (N + NE) - Herman Greene Hermangreene@pps.net
- Zone 5 (NE) - Gary Hollands ghollands@pps.net
- Zone 6 (Outer NE + SE) - Julia Brim-Edwards jbrim-edwards@pps.net
- Zone 7 (Lower SE) - Eilidh Lowery elowery@pps.net
- Student Representative - Jackson Weinberg jweinberg@pps.net

PPS Superintendent + Members of Superintendent's leadership team

- Guadalupe Guerrero - Superintendent - gguerrero@pps.net
- Dr. Cheryl Proctor - Deputy Superintendent cproctor@pps.net
- Jonathan Garcia - Chief of Staff jgarcia@pps.net
- Sharon Reese (Chief Human Resources Director) sreese2@pps.net

EMAIL your state representative

Sample Letter (*you can copy and paste or modify to personalize*)

Dear <Senator/Representative> <Name>:

My name is _____ and I am a concerned <parent, community member, etc.> in your district. Are you aware of the cuts the Board of Education is proposing in Portland Public Schools? PPS has cut at least 85 teaching positions for next year. I am concerned English Language Learners, students in special education programs, and low-income students will be disproportionately affected by these cuts.

I am grateful that members of Oregon's BIPOC caucus [wrote a letter on March 2](#) to the PPS Board members and Superintendent Guerrero asking for clarification on this decision. PPS said the cuts are necessary because of a lack of funding, but this does not seem to be true. These legislators asked these four important questions:

1. What is the exact budget hole you expect for next year, and how was the budget shortfall calculated?
2. How are you making the assumptions about costs and anticipated revenue for 2023-24 and beyond, that were presented to the PPS Board of Education on 2/22/22? For example, were community members who withdrew students during the COVID-19 pandemic surveyed to inform the assumption that none of those students would be returning to the district in the next academic year?
3. How are all ESSER funds being spent? Please provide a line-item list.
4. What concurrent cuts are happening to administrative positions?

Please help support PPS students by questioning this decision by the Board that will result in fewer support in our public schools. Support our students by keeping class sizes small.

Sincerely,
<YOUR NAME>

SEND IT TO (*Find your state senator & representative below - Click district # for map*):

- Sen. Dist. 14 (Outer SW) - Kate Lieber Sen.KateLieber@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 27 (Outer SW) - Sheri Schouten Rep.SheriSchouten@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 16 (Upper NW) - Rachel Armitage Sen.RachelArmitage@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 31 (Upper NW) - Brad Witt Rep.BradWitt@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 17 (NW) - Elizabeth Steiner Hayward Sen.ElizabethSteinerHayward@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 33 (NW) - Maxine Dexter Rep.MaxineDexter@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 18 (NW + SW) - Akasha Lawrence Spence
Sen.AkashaLawrenceSpence@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 35 (SW) - Dacia Grayber Rep.DaciaGrayber@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 36 (NW + SW) - Lisa Reynolds Rep.LisaReynolds@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 19 (SW) - Rob Wagner Sen.RobWagner@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 38 (SW) - Andrea Salinas Rep.AndreaSalinas@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 21 (SE + NE) - Kathleen Taylor sen.kathleentaylor@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 41 (SE) - Karin Power Rep.KarinPower@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 42 (SE + NE) - Rob Nosse Rep.RobNosse@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 22 (N + NE) - Lew Frederick Sen.LewFrederick@oregonlegislature.gov

- House Dist. 43 (N + NE) - Tawna Sanchez Rep.TawnaSanchez@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 44 (N + NE) - Travis Nelson Rep.TravisNelson@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 23 (NE + SE) - Michael Dembrow Sen.MichaelDembrow@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 45 (NE) - Barbara Smith rep.barbarasmithwarner@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 46 (SE + NE) - Khanh Pham Rep.KhanhPham@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 24 (Outer NE + SE) - Kayse Jama Sen.KayseJama@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 47 (Outer NE) - Andrea Valderrama Rep.AndreaValderrama@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 48 (Outer SE) - Jeff Reardon Rep.JeffReardon@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 25 (Outer NE + SE) - Chris Gorsek Sen.ChrisGorsek@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 49 (Outer NE + SE) - Zach Hudson Rep.ZachHudson@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 50 (Outer SE + NE) - Ricki Ruiz rep.RickiRuiz@oregonlegislature.gov
- Sen. Dist. 26 (Outer NE + SE) - Chuck Thomsen Sen.ChuckThomsen@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 51 (Outer NE + SE) - Janelle Bynum Rep.JanelleBynum@oregonlegislature.gov
- House Dist. 52 (Outer SE + NE) - Anna Williams Rep.AnnaWilliams@oregonlegislature.gov

SEND IT TO *(all legislators representing Portland)*

Sen.KateLieber@oregonlegislature.gov; Rep.SheriSchouten@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Sen.RachelArmitage@oregonlegislature.gov; Rep.BradWitt@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Sen.ElizabethSteinerHayward@oregonlegislature.gov; Rep.MaxineDexter@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Sen.AkashaLawrenceSpence@oregonlegislature.gov; Rep.DaciaGrayber@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Rep.LisaReynolds@oregonlegislature.gov; Sen.RobWagner@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Rep.AndreaSalinas@oregonlegislature.gov; sen.kathleentaylor@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Rep.KarinPower@oregonlegislature.gov; Rep.RobNosse@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Sen.LewFrederick@oregonlegislature.gov; Rep.TawnaSanchez@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Rep.TravisNelson@oregonlegislature.gov; Sen.MichaelDembrow@oregonlegislature.gov;
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 Rep.ZachHudson@oregonlegislature.gov; rep.RickiRuiz@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Sen.ChuckThomsen@oregonlegislature.gov; Rep.JanelleBynum@oregonlegislature.gov;
 Rep.AnnaWilliams@oregonlegislature.gov
 CC: patpresident@oregoned.org

PHONE

Sample Script

My name is _____. My student attends _____ school. I am calling because I am concerned about the cuts to teacher staffing for next school year. These cuts are the opposite of what we need right now and will hurt students and destabilize our schools. **Please prioritize funding to REDUCE class sizes and equitably IMPROVE staffing ratios across all our schools.**

Numbers to call:

Dr. Cheryl Proctor (Deputy Superintendent) 503-916-3702
 Jonathan Garcia (Chief of Staff) 503-916-3270
 Sharon Reese (Chief Human Resources Director) 503-916-3428

For more information:

[Message from PAT President about cuts to teacher staffing](#)