

## Jefferson High School Information Session

Dear Jefferson Community,

We would like to invite you to join PPS Superintendent Dr. Armstrong and other PPS leaders to an upcoming important Community Information Session:

**When:** Wednesday, April 9, 6 pm until 9 pm **Where:** Jefferson High School Cafeteria, 5210 N. Kirby Ave.

As you may know, the Portland Public Schools (PPS) Board of Education recently approved a plan to reinitiate the design process for the Cleveland, Jefferson, and Ida B. Wells high schools. This updated plan focuses on right-sizing each school to maximize resources while maintaining strong programming. Because each school is undergoing a limited redesign process, PPS is reviewing the timelines for all three projects. Consequently, because of these mandated changes, the start of the Jefferson project will not begin this year as originally anticipated. We are now looking to begin construction in 2026.

We understand this delay is disappointing to the Jefferson community that has been actively giving input and eagerly awaiting its modernization. We want to assure the Jefferson community that the result of the redesign process will be an excellent, modern and safe school for future Jefferson students.

During the session, we will discuss:

- **Modernization Project Updates:** Progress on the modernization project, share timeline adjustments and proposed interim improvements.
- **Community Support and Engagement:** How we can ensure Jefferson receives the resources and support it needs during the upcoming years, including addressing declining enrollment, community involvement, and broader district support.
- Academic and Extracurricular Programs: Ensuring that Jefferson's programs academic, athletic, and extracurricular—continue to thrive during the modernization process and beyond.
- Your Feedback: We want to hear about your concerns as this project moves forward.

Our priority remains ensuring that every academic and athletic program continues to thrive and grow as we look ahead to the school's redesigned future, and we invite you to join us in this important conversation.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts, answering your questions, and working together to ensure Jefferson remains a strong, vibrant school for all students.

In partnership, PPS School Modernization Team