



Across the Board February 1, 2010

Thank you for your hard work during the first half of the school year! As you continue your focus on student achievement and prepare for new spring assessments, we'd like to encourage you to stay informed on District fiscal issues by attending an upcoming school budget meeting and/or community forum. Offer your constructive feedback and ask questions. We don't have easy answers, and we don't yet know the specifics of how Governor Gregoire and the state legislature will "solve" the current budget crisis. We know our District and school districts throughout the state will be facing difficult decisions. We need your continued support, your ideas, and your voice. Become involved with the budget process, we must have feedback from the classroom if we are to make good decisions. Please remember all budget questions must pass this final question. What is the absolute best we can do for our kids? The Fiscal Advisory Committee has begun its work by reviewing the past. You can review previous work of the Committee [here](#). Keep an eye on [Budget News](#) on the home page of the [District website](#) for updates.

Board President Lonnie Linn

Opportunities for Budget Information, Questions and Feedback

Staff/School Meetings

Tuesday, February 2, 2:00 p.m. Dry Creek, location TBA
Wednesday, February 3, 7:15 a.m., PAHS Library
Tuesday, February 9, 2:10 p.m., Franklin Library
Wednesday, February 10, 8:00 a.m., at Lincoln High School (NOPSC staff included)
Tuesday, February 16, 2:15 p.m., Jefferson Library
Wednesday, February 17, 8:00 a.m., Stevens Middle School Library
Tuesday, February 23, 1:45 p.m., Roosevelt Library
Tuesday, March 2, 2:10 p.m., Hamilton Library

Community Forums with a Focus on the 2010-11 Budget

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010
6:00-7:00 p.m., Franklin Library

Wednesday, March 17, 2010
6:00-7:00 p.m., Jefferson Library

February School Board Meetings

Consider attending [regularly scheduled meetings](#) on February 8 at Central Services and February 22 at Hamilton Elementary School or log on to BoardDocs[®] and [follow us online](#). We'll be hosting a Community Conversation at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Hamilton meeting. This will be a chance to talk with Board members and District leaders one-on-one. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity!

You can send your budget input via email to budget@portangelesschools.org. The Fiscal Advisory Committee and Board of Directors will review all suggestions and comments, and a District representative will answer any of your questions.

Thanks for School Board Recognition Month Honor

We appreciate it! We will continue to do our best work on behalf of Port Angeles students!

Congratulations to Bill Prorok, Nancy McHenry and Debbie Erickson

We recognized Bill Prorok, Nancy McHenry and Debbie Erickson for achieving National Board Certification at our January 11 board meeting. We know it takes a lot of work to earn this achievement. Bill, Nancy and Debbie join a growing list of Port Angeles School District teachers on this list. Check out the [National Board website](#) for Port Angeles national board certified teachers.

Enrollment Report and Outlook

The District's total enrollment for January 2010 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,719.34 FTE. This is 102.43 FTE fewer than last year at this time but is 41.11 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the Average FTE over the entire school year. If the month-by-month enrollment trends from the past five years continue, it is projected that the average enrollment for the 2009-10 school year will be 3,707.90 FTE or 29.62 students more than budgeted. *The [Enrollment Report](#) is posted monthly to the District website.*

Bridges Math

We are greatly concerned with math progress at all levels. Assistant Superintendent Michelle Reid shared math scores, areas of strength and those needing reinforcement during our January 19 Board study session. Our conversation included ways to incorporate outlier information, supervision and support to improve instructional delivery, and grade level training focused on math fluency. Board members requested data with outlier information with next assessments' results.

Working on Behalf of our Schools with Legislators

Director and Legislative Representative Cindy Kelly spent a day in Olympia recently working with the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Committee on an accountability piece and the group's message for our Legislators as they work on the upcoming state budget. Director Kelly is arranging appointments with our representatives, Van De Wege, Hargrove, and Kessler, during the Legislative Conference in Olympia on February 7-8, 2010. Board Members will attend and continue this dialog on the devastating impacts to our District. Director Kelly plans to carry the same message to the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C.

After-School Childcare

The District is inviting experienced and licensed childcare providers to submit proposals for onsite school childcare. Proposals are being accepted for childcare service at various elementary

schools and Lincoln High School. The Board of Directors wants to ensure that our families have affordable, convenient, and supportive after-school care for our elementary students. The District will survey parents on their after-school care needs and investigate other city programs, their services and the cost of those services. Currently, the YMCA has after school programs at

Skyward Student Access Update

The secondary schools are continuing use of the parent communication tool affiliated with the Skyward Student Records System designed to enable parents and students to access their student's grades in real time via the internet. New this year: Parents are able to access school lunch program information. Grade 6 teachers are piloting a Skyward electronic grade book.

Let's Hear from You!

Send an email to info@portangelesschools.org.

Congratulations and Thank You!

We know the reason for student success is largely due largely to teacher and staff support, so let's celebrate our students, and your, success!

★ Let's congratulate the PAHS Leadership Class for a successful Talent Show fundraiser.

★ Congratulations to Becky Daniel and Barb Gapper, our nominees for the State Classified of the year award. The results are not in yet, but we consider them both "winners!" Join us at our February 22 Board meeting when we honor them!

★ A round of applause to Rob Edwards, Chuck Lisk and Stevens News Network students for an enjoyable hour on January 19 with KONP's Todd Ortloff. The interview is still posted online at www.konp.com if you'd like to listen to the podcast.

★ Congratulations to the first [KONP Teacher of the Month John Gallagher](#). Thanks to Todd Ortloff, Tina Smith-O'Hara, and Crescent School District's Phil Brand for their help with this award recognition program.

★ Many thanks to our [Fiscal Advisory Committee](#) members for the work they're about to do and have done in the past!

★ Congratulations to those teachers and parent groups receiving [Port Angeles Education Foundation Awards](#), and thank you to the Foundation for your continued support of our students and classrooms!

★ [Franklin community](#), thank you for your wonderful support of the Scarpa family!

★ Thank you to volunteers in our schools, those who serve on our committees and task forces, and those who provide enrichment activities for our students!

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Board Assignments for 2009-10

View Our Board members' assignments to schools, district committees and task forces at www.portangelesschools.org. *See Board Assignments.*

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Please use your home email and phone!

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