



Across the Board April 1, 2010

The Board of Directors thanks you for your continued dedication to students! We ask for your support as we engage in upcoming budget sessions. On Tuesday Dr. Jane Pryne released the draft list of unranked budget reductions as presented by the Fiscal Advisory Committee. We hope you've taken the time to study the list. There's still time to weigh in with your thoughts, suggestions, and new ideas. Let us hear from you! Send an email to budget@portangelesschools.org. We'll receive copies of all correspondence. As I've said before, please remember all budget questions must pass a final question. *What is the absolute best we can do for our kids?* We are working hard on your behalf. Please understand the fiscal problems we are facing were not created by anyone in our District. Unfortunately, we must deal with them. I have total confidence this District and our community will do everything possible to ensure student and staff success.

Board President Lonnie Linn

[District Releases Unranked List for Reductions in 2010-11 School Year](#)

Superintendent Jane Pryne released the District Fiscal Advisory Committee's draft list of possible reductions for the 2010-11 school year.

[Unranked List of Budget Reduction Suggestions](#)

[Full List Received by Fiscal Advisory Committee](#)

[Resolution for Reduced Educational Program and Reduction of Staff, March 8, 2010](#)

[Enrollment Report and Outlook](#)

The District's total enrollment for March 2010 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,700.79 FTE. This is 75.20 FTE fewer than last year at this time but is 22.56 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the average FTE over the entire school year. *The [Enrollment Report](#) is posted monthly to the District website.*

Food Services Input Forum

The Board will approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new food services contract at our April 12 meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center. In advance, we conducted a forum on March 15 to receive community input. Participants - parents, grandparents, students, taxpayers, Food and Nutrition Committee members, and local food vendors - came to voice their thoughts, concerns and recommendations. Speakers focus remained on healthy cafeteria food choices for school district students. Comments will be taken into consideration in the development of the RFP.

After School Program Discussion Continues

Superintendent Pryne reported the results of the *After School Child Care Survey* at our March 15 study session. There were 504 parent/guardian responses to the survey with 218 interested in an

after school care option and 286 not interested. This information will be used to help the District make a determination on our future with after school offerings for elementary students.

Acceptance of Bids for Property Appraisal

The Board approved the bid to begin appraisal work on the Big Boy Pond area near Stevens Middle School and the Fairview Elementary School site. We'll keep you posted as information is received.

Technology Plan Submitted to OSPI for Approval

The Board approved the District Technology Plan at its March 22 meeting. The plan must now be approved by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to meet two compliance obligations: 1. Eligibility provisions of Title II, Part D, the Enhancing Education Through Technology grant program, which supports professional development for technology integration and technological literacy; and 2. E-rate regulations that require a state-approved technology plan. Thank you to those who were part of the discussion in assembling the plan. The next stage will be more specific once OSPI grants approval. *Note: April 5 is the deadline for the [TL21 grant program](#).*

Credit Equivalency Approved for Courses

Credit equivalency may be granted with approval by a committee to be convened at the direction of the Superintendent. Career and technical courses approved for equivalency must meet the following criteria: 1. Align with the state's essential academic learning requirements and grade level expectations; and 2. Align with current industry standards, as evidenced in the curriculum frameworks.

At our March 8 meeting, we unanimously approved the following courses for credit equivalency: Natural Resources-science elective, Cosmetology-science elective, Cabinetmaking-math elective, Fine Woodworking-fine arts, Machine Tool Technology-both math and fine arts, and Financial Fitness-math elective.

Coming Soon: *Let's Honor Our Own!*

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8)
Public School Volunteer Week (May 18-24)
Nat'l School Nurse Day (May 12)

2010 Census, Be Counted!

Ten questions, ten minutes! Please send your Census form in if you have not yet done so!

Let's Hear from You!

Send an email to info@portangelesschools.org, or if it's regarding the budget, to budget@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!

★ Congratulations to *March KONP Teachers of the Month*, Cindy Bradford and Mickey Branham!

★ Thank you for the dedication of our Washington State School Retirees Association and our own District retirees! The Board of Directors honored representatives Marcia Homer and Bev Brown on March 8 as we proclaimed March 15-21, 2010 as *School Retirees Appreciation Week*.

★ We know March 8-12 was designated as *Classified School Employee Week*, but we appreciate our classified staff each day! Thanks for your important work on behalf of our students!

★ Congratulations to Bev Eisele and Diane Hall for their recent receipt of *Professional Standards Program Certifications*!

★ Great *Culinary Arts Contest*, Sodexo employees and elementary chefs!

★ Let's give a round of applause for our PAHS *National Merit Finalist*, John Christian!

★ Congratulations to our PAHS Knowledge Bowl Team for your second place finish at the Washington State 3A [Knowledge Bowl Competition](#)!

★ For those unable to attend the Annual School District-Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Potlatch, you missed a wonderful event. Hope you can join us next year! Thanks to all who attended this year. It was a great showing of District spirit!

★ Our [PAHS orchestras placed first and second](#) at the 38th Annual Northwest Orchestra Festival. Congratulations to Ron Jones and students!

★ Great *Open House* at the Skills Center! Let's do it again!

★ Again, many thanks to our [Fiscal Advisory Committee](#) and its members for your dedication and work on behalf of our District, its staff and students!!

★ Lincoln High and Stevens Middle Schools staff, thank you for your great work on behalf of students. Receiving a [Washington Achievement Award](#) acknowledges your dedication and hard work in earning this recognition!

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