

## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** August 7, 2013  
**To:** Members of the Board of Education  
**From:** Bond Accountability Committee (BAC)  
**Subject:** 2nd BAC Report to the Board

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### **Background**

In the November 2012 election, voters approved a \$482M capital improvement bond for Portland Public Schools. The PPS Board appointed a Citizen Bond Accountability Committee to monitor the planning and progress of the bond program relative to voter-approved work scope, schedule and budget objectives.

### **Activities to Date**

The BAC met on July 17. As is the case with all meetings, it was publicly noticed and was open to the public.

The BAC has made progress on gaining a complete understanding of the bond program, and continues to work with staff on the methodologies for reporting against key metrics going forward. PPS staff has continued to be very helpful and supportive of the process, and demonstrates a consistent commitment to transparency and clarity in all dealings with the BAC.

As the Board is fully aware, the pace of bond activity has quickened substantially since our last report. Construction work on the Summer 2013 projects is well underway and, at this point, all schools appear to be on schedule for a timely opening. The EdSpecs work is nearing conclusion, and design teams for Roosevelt and Franklin High Schools have been solicited, rated, interviewed, and contracted. Design Advisory Groups for both schools have been formed and have commenced their meetings. A similar process is underway for Faubion.

In order to keep up with these activities, we have organized ourselves by forming two-member teams to focus on each of the four current major projects (Roosevelt, Franklin, Faubion, and Summer '13 & '14 work). The BAC as a whole will continue its monitoring obligation on each of the projects, of course, as well as on the program as a whole. However, this focused approach will, we believe, give us a greater ability to be in touch with issues as they arise.

**Current Issues**

The BAC wishes to follow up on the issues raised during our previous report, and also address one fresh current matter.

*Schedule.* As noted above, the Summer work at six

**Summary**

The BAC thanks the Board for this opportunity to serve and play a part in what we all expect will be a very successful bond program. The pace of activity will continue to be aggressive between now and our next report, and we look forward to continued engagement and, where possible, to being supportive and helpful.