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To: PPS School Board

From: Deputy Superintendents Yvonne Curtis and Claire Hertz

Subject: Benson Campus Master Plan

Overview

We'd like to address a few questions and concerns raised during the presentation of the leadership from the Bond Accountability Committee (BAC) Chair Kevin Spellman and Member Tom Peterson regarding the Benson Campus Master Plan at last Tuesday night's board meeting:

Benson Polytechnic - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program

Benson Polytechnic currently has [11 CTE programs of study](#): Architecture, Construction, Electrical, Digital Media, Radio, Design Applied Arts, Health Sciences, Computer Science, Manufacturing, Engineering, and Automotive. The programs of study that are unique to Benson Polytechnic are Radio, Electrical, and Architecture.

We have involved the Benson Polytech High School principal, staff, advisory groups and students in the master planning process for the modernization of Benson Polytechnic High School as a CTE focus option High School. Through this process we have identified new programs opportunities that could also open new possible post-secondary and business partnerships. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

1. Business: retail, apparel, finance/banking. Potential collaboration with IQ, Nike, adidas, Under Armour.
2. Aviation: drone technology, manufacturing/aluminum welding. Potential collaboration with Portland Community College, Boeing.
3. Maritime: logistics, decking/shipping, welding. Potential collaboration with Gunderson, Port of Portland, Vigor.

What is our plan during construction?

Once program decisions are confirmed, the Office of School Modernization and Deputy Superintendent of Instructional School Communities will establish a plan, considering all available options for relocating all or some of the Benson campus students during construction. Ensuring MPG programs remain centrally located while also considering opportunities to contain costs by accelerating project timelines by relocating all students will be evaluated.

Enrollment Balancing for Benson and Neighborhood High Schools**When are enrollment decisions made for the 2#**

showed current PPS projects at the higher end of the comparable cost range. It cannot be assumed additional data collection will produce different results, nevertheless we are currently pursuing contracting with one of the professional construction cost estimators familiar with PPS and local projects to (i) review past and current PPS modernization projects; (ii) compare PPS projects to recent relevant projects in Oregon and/or Washington; and (iii) provide professional judgement on the factors that may be influencing cost deltas.

OSM has been responsive to the comparison cost data, providing this information to the project teams and developing cost comparison data at the granular “building division” level that has allowed the teams to more effectively compare specific building systems between projects and identify where a given system on one project (EG: the structural system on Lincoln) is higher or lower than recently completed PPS projects. The teams have used this data to inform value engineering efforts (detail of this comparison is also included in the attached memo).