

## ORDINANCE No. 184272

\*Authorize a grant agreement with Resolutions Northwest, Inc. (RNW) for \$32,500.00 for the Restorative Justice Program to reduce suspensions and expulsions and keep students connected and engaged in school (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The juvenile justice system recognizes that incident referrals received from schools are often better resolved within the school community; and
2. The City of Portland and the Parkrose School District recognize that the community's future economic and social well-being are dependent upon ensuring a strong education foundation for all our city's youth; and
3. The City of Portland and the Parkrose School District recognize that in-school disciplinary referrals and referrals to Juvenile Justice reflect a disproportionate number of minority youth; and
4. The Parkrose School District recognizes that school suspension and expulsion disciplinary practices do not achieve effective engagement by students in the school community; and
5. Resolutions Northwest can provide restorative interventions which repair relationships thereby keeping students connected and engaged in school; and
6. Previously approved City Ordinance 183352 authorized a grant agreement with Resolutions Northwest Inc. to serve minority student populations in the Parkrose School District as stated during the school year of 2009–2010; and
7. The resulting measureable outcomes for the school year 2009-2010 include: 262 students had received intervention opportunities through referral, of which 58% were middle school students. Of the total (262) 60% were from ethnic minority or bi-racial populations and 61% were male in gender. 161 students facing suspension or re-entering into school due to previous suspension were involved in preventative meetings. Based upon services offered 96 days of out of school suspension were avoided, as well as 9 days of in school suspension, which enhanced school engagement for youth served by 105 days.
8. After the end of the school year 2009 – 2010 RNW worked on the development of student skills group curriculum materials which will be implement in school year 2010 - 2011. Through the summer of 2010 RNW coordinated and supervised restorative community service for students who had not yet completed their agreements by the end

of the school year. A partnership was created with the Parkrose Farmers Market where students worked to complete their community service component.

- 9. During the school year of 2010–2011 the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Parkrose School District and Resolutions Northwest again will be collaborating in this effort. RNW has continued to meet with Parkrose School District administrators to set a realistic focus for the school year 2010–2011. As a result RNW will offer referral services to students of Parkrose Middle School and Parkrose High School. RNW service to Park Rose High School will be strictly based upon referrals generated by Portland Police Bureau School Resource officers or Multnomah County Juvenile Court councilors or Parkrose School High School administrators.
- 10. It is recognized that RNW previous project completion and planning expenses from July 1, 2010 to the start of the school year 2010 – 2011 are necessary and directly connected to the future success of this grant agreement and expenses under this grant agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2010 to run through June 30, 2011.

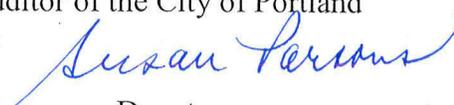
NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement in the amount of \$32,500.00 to be spent by RNW for the purpose of providing restorative justice conflict resolution services to students, faculty and administrators at Parkrose Middle School and Parkrose High School during the 2010-2011 school year retroactive to July 1, 2010: The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver warrants chargeable to the General Fund when demand is present and approved by the proper authority.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because any delay in providing grant funding to Portland Schools Foundation would harm the public interest; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by the Council: DEC 01 2010

Mayor Sam Adams  
Prepared by: Tom Peavey  
November 17, 2010

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: <b>Mayor Sam Adams</b>	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>NOV 23 2010</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b> Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Leonard	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland  By: <u>Susan Larsson</u> Deputy
<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b> Bureau: Office of the Mayor Bureau Head: Mayor Sam Adams	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b>
Prepared by: Tom Peavey Date Prepared: 11/17/10	
Financial Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date	
City Attorney Approval <u>Benjamin Walters</u>	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____  Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
<b>CONSENT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Pulled</u>
<b>REGULAR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	—	
3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	✓	