

Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler City of Portland

DATE:

August 14, 2018

TO:

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

Commissioner Nick Fish

Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Dan Saltzman Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

FROM:

Mayor Ted Wheeler

SUBJECT:

Report and presentation by Portland Community College on PCC Future

Connect

Colleagues,

Please accept this update on PCC Future Connect's activities by Portland Community College which has been a partner with the City. Funding for these efforts from the City helps eliminates barriers to college nad provides students with on-going support throughout their time at PCC.





The Future Connect Story College Success One Student at a Time

Future Connect is a comprehensive scholarship and advising support program at Portland Community College (PCC) that seeks to change the lives of first generation and low-income students. The program provides long-term, individualized financial and advising support to students to help them achieve their academic and career goals.

"Future Connect has helped me so much with my life I can't make it into words. I am in college. I am so happy. My parents are happy. My siblings are happy. My friends are happy. My ancestors are happy, and most importantly I am happy. I always knew I could do it. Future Connect helped me believe in myself."

Guiding a diverse group of first generation and low-income students who face significant challenges to college success



received **free or reduced price lunch** in high school.



are currently experiencing food insecurity.



are currently experiencing housing insecurity.

	BLACK	LATINO	WHITE
Future Connect students	16%	41%	26%
All other PCC students who directly entered from Oregon public high schools	6%	18%	61%

Making a significant impact on postsecondary outcomes

Evaluation findings suggest that Future Connect is a model of how to achieve more equitable postsecondary outcomes for low-income and first generation college students through providing relationship-based, student-centered, and holistic support.

"...This marks a year and a half of a straight 4.0 GPA. I finally feel like I am the student I've always wanted to be thanks to Future Connect. I thank you all so much for all that you do. Future Connect truly changes lives. You all surely have changed mine."

COMPARED TO STUDENTS WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, FUTURE CONNECT:

Increases GPA by .6 points

Increases credits earned in the first year of college by 12 credits Increases fall-to-fall persistence by 14 percentage points Increases completion or transfer within three years by 11 percentage points

Closing the achievement gap

Among similar students who directly enrolled in PCC from Oregon public high schools, Future Connect students of color had better performance, persistence and completion than students of color and White students who did not participate in Future Connect.

	FIRST-YEAR GPA	FIRST-YEAR CREDITS EARNED	FALL-TO-FALL PERSISTENCE	COMPLETION OR TRANSFER WITHIN THREE YEARS
White students	2.14	18	63%	19%
Students of color	2.07	18	69%	17%
Students of color - Future Connect	2.47	27	77%	23%

For more information about the Future Connect evaluation, contact:

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Agenda No. **REPORT**

Report and Presentation by Portland Community College on PCC Future Connect (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Ted Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED AUG 1 4 2018
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Eudaly BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Mayor's Office Bureau Head: Mayor	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By: Deputy ACTION TAKEN: AUG 2 2 2018 PLACED ON FILE
Prepared by: Michelle Plambeck Date Prepared:August 14, 2018 Impact Statement	
Completed Amends Budget City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date August 22, 2018	(NO VOTETAKEN)

AGENDA		
TIME CERTAIN ⊠ Start time: 10:40		
Total amount of time needed: 15 mins (for presentation, testimony and discussion)		
CONSENT		
REGULAR		

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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1. Fritz	1. Fritz		
2. Fish	2. Fish		
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman		
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly		
Wheeler	Wheeler		