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Portland Plan Fairs: Education Strategy General Survey Results

During the Portland Plan fairs in March 2011, in addition to speaking with staff, writing ideas down on chart packs and participating in breakout discussion sessions, attendees were provided with the opportunity to provide feedback via two surveys: a general survey and a quick start actions survey.

Two surveys were developed for each draft strategy, (Education, Economic Prosperity and Affordability and Healthy Connected Neighborhoods) and for the Equity Initiative.

The results provided below are from the **Education Strategy General Surveys** distributed and collected during the Portland Plan fairs. A separate survey on proposed Quick Start Actions was also provided. Those results can be found in a separate document. Survey responses to the other strategies are also available in separate documents.

EDUCATION STRATEGY QUESTIONS

1. This strategy recommends actions and investments in the following four areas. Do you agree that these areas of focus will help Portland reach its education goals for 2035?

| A. | Cradle to Career Initiative <i>9 surveys received; 9 answered this question</i> | Correct Direction | Neutral | Wrong Direction |
|----|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Coordinate efforts and investments among schools, City and County governments and organizations to promote youth success from birth to entry into the workforce. | 89% 8 responses | 11% 1 response | 0% No responses |
| B. | Neighborhoods and Communities that Support Youth <i>9 surveys received; 9 answered this question</i> | Correct Direction | Neutral | Wrong Direction |
| | Dedicate funding toward programs and physical improvements in areas where student achievement is low and gang activity is high. | 78% 7 responses | 22% 2 responses | 0% No responses |
| C. | Workforce Preparation and Skill Building <i>9 surveys received; 9 answered this question</i> | Correct Direction | Neutral | Wrong Direction |
| | Invest in programs that help students successfully graduate from high school, be college-ready, and transition to college and/or family-wage jobs. | 78% 7 responses | 22% 2 responses | 0% No responses |
| D. | 21 st Century School Facilities <i>9 surveys received; 9 answered this question</i> | Correct Direction | Neutral | Wrong Direction |
| | Invest in physical improvements so that schools can better meet the needs of students as well as the broader community. | 56% 5 responses | 33% 3 responses | 11% 1 response |

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2. To be successful, the City and government partners will need to work in partnerships with community groups and individuals. Can you picture yourself, or an organization you're involved with or know about, playing a direct role in implementing the goals and actions of the Education strategy?

A. Describe how you might play a role in promoting student success:

9 surveys received; 7 answered this question

Response 1: I tutor 15 hours/week.

Response 2: By the MYC, we create youth advocacy in the field of education.

Response 3: Outreach and events.

Response 4: Partnering with schools by volunteering, donating time, interning in offices.

Response 5: Continue to support pregnant and parenting students in reaching their academic goals.

Response 6: Garden education.

Response 7: Currently - work with families and children from all tribes in our southeast office.

B. List any organizations that you think could play an important role in promoting student success:

9 surveys received; 8 answered this question

Response 1: Local community groups - Experience Corps, Foster Grandparents.

Response 2: MYC (Multnomah Youth Commission.)

Response 3: Stand For Children - Big Brothers Big Sisters - Portland Children's Levy.

Response 4: Neighborhood Associations, Business Associations, Neighborhood Coalition offices. Churches, City of Portland, University of Portland, Concordia University, Willamette University, PCC, Mt. Hood Community College, etc.

Response 5: Insights Teen Parent Services - Women in Trade

Response 6: Libraries, "One Economy" and other organizations dedicated to increasing access to high-speed internet for all.

Response 7: City Repair - Village Free School

Response 8: Confederated Tribes of Siletz and Grand Ronde - PPS - Indian Education

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3. Overall, do you think the Education strategy is headed in the correct direction?

9 surveys received; 8 answered this question

Right direction: 87%

Neutral: 13%

Don't know: 0%

Wrong direction: 0%

Is something critical missing?

9 surveys received; 4 answered this question

Response 1: Know the root of the problem before investing time and money.

Response 2: Funds to make this happen without creating hardship to tax payers.

Response 3: There is little or no mention of the critical role of technology in reducing costs and delivering programs

Response 4: Democratic, outdoor education.

4. Is there any additional information you would like to have to provide feedback? If yes, please describe below:

9 surveys received; 2 answered this question

Response 1: It was very informative.

Response 2: All of these things cost money. Property taxes are NOT the way to go. Move funds to the right places. Cut budgets. Put in a sales tax.