



Office of Mayor Sam Adams  
City of Portland

March 31, 2010

To: Portland City Council  
From: Mayor Sam Adams  
Re: State of Education Presentation to City Council

MEMO TO COUNCIL

Portland City Council has provided unprecedented financial support for education initiatives over the past two years. This report is intended to review the work funded by City Council to address the goals of increasing the graduation rate and doubling the college/post-secondary matriculation rates for Portland youth.

The Mayor's Education Team and community partners will present research and share testimony on the impact of these and future investments. We see Education as a driver of equity and the economy and essential to a livable city. This work is the result of partnerships with community leaders via the Education Cabinet and Strategy Teams. They represent a cross-sector of public, private, and philanthropic organizations.

Below is an overview of the agenda. We look forward to sharing with you the progress that has been made thus far in supporting the young people and institutions that serve them in the community.

- Opening Remarks: Kali Thorne Ladd, Education Strategies Director
- Summary of Current Investments:
- Impact on Young People: SYC, MYC, and Restorative Justice Youth
- Impact on Communities of Color: Gloria Wiggins, Director, El Programa Hispano; Tony Hopson, President SEI
- Parent Impact: Community Parent
- Community Impact: Superintendent Don Grotting, David Douglas; Amber McGill, Marshall SUN Coordinator
- Future Impact: Kristin Watkins, Vice President of PCC Foundation
- Summary: Superintendent Carole Smith, Portland Public Schools

## REPORT TO PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

4/6/2011

### MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION COMMITTEES:

The Multnomah Youth Commission does most of its community work in each of the four designated committees: Education, Health & Wellness, Sustainability and YouthVOICE. Committees are evaluated and realigned at the annual mid-year retreat in February based on feedback provided by the community, MYC sponsors and Youth Commissioners. All work by the Youth Commission is directly aligned to "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth".



### 2010-11 COMMITTEE WORK TO DATE

#### Education

- Facilitated a breakout session at the CPPS Parent Leadership Conference for parents on how to communicate with children about stress.
- Active representation and participation on the SUN Coordinating Council, Cradle To Career Advisory Council, Future Connect Committee, Education and Life Success Workgroup and Education Strategy Team
- Actively working with other organizing groups for SB 742, Tuition Equity Bill that offers in-state tuition to long-time Oregonian students who have graduated from Oregon high schools and been accepted to Oregon colleges, but who never received documentation when they were brought to America, so long as they are working toward citizenship now.
- Conducting mini-focus group discussions in each of the six large school districts and in systems where youth have completely disconnected from school. The goal is to gather feedback from youth who have had experience with exclusionary discipline (suspensions and expulsions).

#### Health & Wellness

- Presented at the Statewide Oregon School Based Health Care Network conference on our youth lead research, advocacy and educational campaign regarding School Based Health Centers (SBHC.)
- Designed and developed a tri-county SBHC marketing campaign titled "My Health, My Choice, My Future" through money received by United Way of Columbia Willamette. This effort included 24 professional banners, 4,000 youth brochures and 44,000 parent fliers.
- Act as a youth advisory body for our \$50,000 NW Health Foundation/Kaiser Permanente community grant which has developed eight youth advisory councils within each of the eight Multnomah County high schools with SBHCs.

#### Sustainability

- Developing transportation data points and mapping to advocate for greater transit access for youth east of I-205
- Advocated local State Representatives to maintain BET-C tax credit funding for YouthPass.
- Hosting YouthPass Forum on April 23 at Gresham City Hall to update YouthPass sponsors and increase partnerships.
- Testified on behalf of Farm-to-School program at State Legislature. Working with Multnomah County on local project connecting local farmland in East County to school curriculum and school food.

#### YouthVOICE

- Engaged youth from the community on issues of civic engagement and produced a YouTube video encouraged youth to register to vote and vote during the fall elections.
- Currently developing a partnership with the Department of Community Justice and the Partnership for Safety and Justice to bring youth voice to forefront of these juvenile justice issues.

#### 2010-2011 MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION

CO-CHAIRS: Daisy Quinonez & James Todd

VOTING MEMBERS: Umulkher Abdullahi • Wilson Alness • Jacqueline Altamirano • Perla Alvarez • Camille Bales • Madeleine Bloch • Javier Cruz • Andrew Dalke • Hadiyah Desphy • Perpetua Ejike  
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Shani Plunkett de la Cruz • Hanna Seminario • Dyami Thomas • Dylan Tingley • Avathar Vivekaraj

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<http://www.ourcommission.org/myc>

## 2010-11 YOUTH COMMISSION DEMOGRAPHICS

School District		
Alternative	2	5%
Centennial	0	0%
College	5	11%
David Douglas	7	16%
Gresham-Barlow	5	11%
Home School	0	0%
MESD	0	0%
Parkrose	2	5%
PPS	19	43%
Private	1	2%
Reynolds	2	5%
Riverdale	1	5%
Out-of-school	0	0%

Grade		
8th grader	4	9%
9th grader	4	9%
10th grader	11	25%
11th grader	11	25%
12th grader	9	20%
college	5	11%
out-of-school	0	0%

Gender		
Male	17	39%
Female	27	61%

Youth of Color		
yes	23	52%
no	21	48%

Geography		
NW	2	5%
SW	6	14%
SE to 82	8	18%
NE to 82	6	14%
North	5	11%
Mid-County 82-162	8	18%
East County 162+	9	20%

## 2010-11 COMMISSION KEY ACTIONS

### Community Youth Meetings

- Held three meetings in the community in partnership with the Housing Authority of Portland at New Columbia, the Immigrant Refugee and Community Organization, and NAYA.
- Used Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth as the framework to link the MYC to the community youth.
- Collaborated with over 50 youth from these three communities to share stories and identify issue areas specific to their neighborhood and cultural identities.
- Collected data from the community to help shape the MYC's short and long policy goals.



### Youth Action Grants

- In collaboration with the Youth Planning Program, the MYC co-facilitated four Youth Action Grant workshops to provide an opportunity for shared values of leadership and civic engagement. In addition educating community youth on the YAG process.
- Co-facilitated the grant selection process with Youth Planners based on the scoring provided by the PCC Sylvania Students for Giving program.
- Presented before City Council to allocate the budgeted \$5,000 to the PCC Foundation for distribution to the awarded community organizations.
- Hosted Youth Action Grant Awards Ceremony at Portland City Hall.



### Youth Budget Forum

- Received \$300 grant from OMF to host community-wide budget forum for youth on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Hollywood Theater.
- Working with Youth Planners, school districts and community youth organizations to have 100 youth in attendance.





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TO THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor concurs with the attached report, and

RECOMMENDS:

That the report be accepted by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Sam Adams

Agenda No.  
**REPORT NO.**

Title

Accept State of Education Report to City Council (Report)

<b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: <b>Mayor Sam Adams</b>	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 01 2011</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b>	<i>Clay Hall</i> LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland
Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	By: <i>Susan Parsons</i> Deputy
Position 4/Safety - Leonard	
<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b>
Bureau: Mayor's Office Bureau Head:	<b>APR 06 2011, ACCEPTED</b>
Prepared by: Kali Ladd Date Prepared: 3/31/2011	
Financial Impact Statement Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date <b>4/6/2011</b>	
<b>City Attorney Approval</b>	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: <b>10:15</b>
<b>Total amount of time needed: 30</b> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
<b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<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	1. Fritz ✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish ✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman ✓	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard ✓	
Adams	Adams ✓	