

- My name is Holly Ho. I am a parent volunteer for the Harriett Tubman Leadership Academy for Young women.
- Tubman is the only all-girl public school in Oregon, focused on science, technology, engineering, and math for PPS girls in 6th – 12th grades. It is based on a proven model of success. Nationally only 2% of girls graduating from co-ed schools choose to go into math and science careers, compared to 13% of girls in single gender schools
- Tubman is the most racially and economically diverse among PPS focus option schools – we have 50% young women of color and 70% of low income families. Only 4 ½ years old, this school has been closing the achievement gap. And this year, while competing for the first time at the PPS science expo, the Tubman students won more awards than any other school.
- Superintendent Smith has described the school as “ **(having)** made a profound difference in the lives of the young women who have attended school there.” A school Board member has said “we know that it’s working. We know it’s the right thing to do for our kids, but we just cannot afford it. ”
- Because of its mission, many community, businesses and elected officials have extended offers of support to the school, including State Senator Chip Shields. City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, OMSI, Intel, PSU, Vernier Software and Technology, to name just a few. The school also has solid partnerships with the Portland bureaus of Environmental Services, Transportation, Parks and Police.

- More importantly, Tubman can help build a solid local economy by producing a skilled workforce for the 4 out of 5 major Portland-area employers that are math and science based, like Intel.
- **UNFORTUNATELY, the Leadership Academy** is scheduled to close at the end of this school year because of serious budget cuts facing the district.
- Today you will be voting on a 5 million dollar budget allocation to PPS. We are asking that you **invest, invest** in the future of our community by including **specific funds, specific funds** to help keep Tubman open. **Please allow Portland to be included in the growing number of cities that have the vision to support Leadership Academies for their young women. Their successes have been phenomenal! Harriet Tubman Academy has the potential to be the jewel in the crown of Portland.**

PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

Council Meeting Date: 5-30-12

Today's Date 5-3-12

AUDITOR 05/03/12 AM 9:46

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Reason for the request:

To keep Harriet Tubman open.
Young women's Leadership Academy
The only all girls' public school in Oregon.

J. Jyothi
(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Jyothi Pulla to address Council regarding Harriet Tubman Leadership Academy for Young Women (Communication)

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By *Susan Parsons*

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3. Saltzman		
4. Leonard		
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