

Charter Schools and Alternative Programs Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:00 PM

Dr. Matthew Prophet Education Center -
Windows Cafeteria / Conference Room (Floor
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501 N. Dixon St.
Portland, OR 97227

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Land Acknowledgement & Anti-Oppression Statement
3. Charter School Funding Overview
4. Positive Impacts - SIA funding in Contracted Alternative Schools
5. Alternative School spotlight - Portland Community College
6. Charter School spotlight - Emerson School
7. Public Comment (5 two-minute spots) *to sign up for public comment
email publiccomment@pps.net
or call 503-916-3741

Charter Schools and Alternative Programs School Board Committee Meeting

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Land Acknowledgment and Anti -Oppression Statement -- Kor to update

Within Portland Public Schools today, we serve students and families representing more than 150 different tribal nations, including the descendents of the local nations of the Chinook, Kathlamet, Multnomah, Kalapuya, Clackamas, Cowlitz, Molalla, and Tualatin. It is our obligation to teach accurate information, past and present, about the impact of colonization and genocide on all of our students and make visible the multitude of Native families and many diverse ways Native communities and families are living in the present.

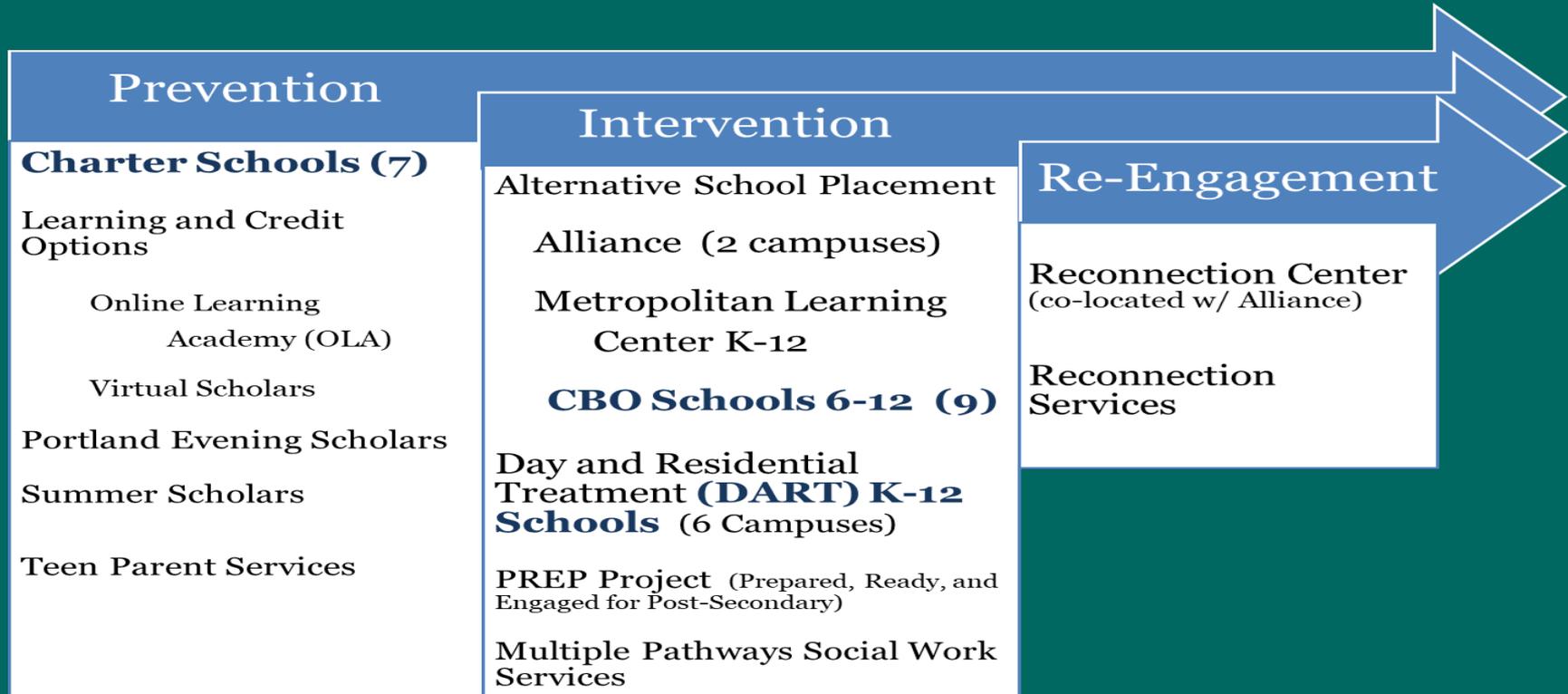
In addition to acknowledging the land and those that have been here since time began, we must also remember our stolen siblings from Africa whose labor built the vast wealth of this country. These two communities and the atrocities committed against them are intrinsically intertwined due to our existence within a white supremacist world. Everything we have is due to stolen land and stolen labor, and every system and institution that impacts our lives is built upon this legacy. It is our job to speak that truth into spaces so that we can all begin to heal.



Multiple Pathways To Graduation:

...Where EVERY student is
welcome, wanted and worthy

Multiple Pathways To Graduation Overview



Charter School Funding

Charter Schools Funding Information

Oregon Charter Law (ORS 338) sets the statutory minimum passthrough rate for district-sponsored charter schools as follows:

- 80% of Charter School Rate* for k-8 ADMw
- 95% of Charter School Rate for 9-12 ADMw

and for charter schools sponsored by ODE as follows:

- 90% of Charter School Rate for k-8 ADMw
- 95% of Charter School Rate for 9-12 ADMw

*Per ODE, Charter School Rate does not include the Extended ADMw calculations that benefit districts

Charter Schools Funding

- Charter Schools in PPS have historically received what is outlined in statutory funding requirements
- In March 2020, following the recommendation of the Charter School and Alternative Program Committee, the PPS Board increased the passthrough for PPS sponsored charter schools serving k-8 with 50% or greater historically underserved students by race/ethnicity to 95%, resulting in increased passthrough for KairosPDX beginning in the 2020-21 school year
- This followed a funding and program cost analysis of PPS charter school programming

Charter Schools Additional Funding

- PPS has passed through proportionate shares of both SIA funds and ESSER II, ESSER III funds to charter schools, per ODE guidance
- PPS includes qualifying charter schools in its Equity Allocations to support historically underserved students
- Charter schools receive passthrough City Arts Tax funds for k-5 students residing in the City of Portland

Charter Schools Operations

Operational Costs for Charter Schools paid with the passthrough:

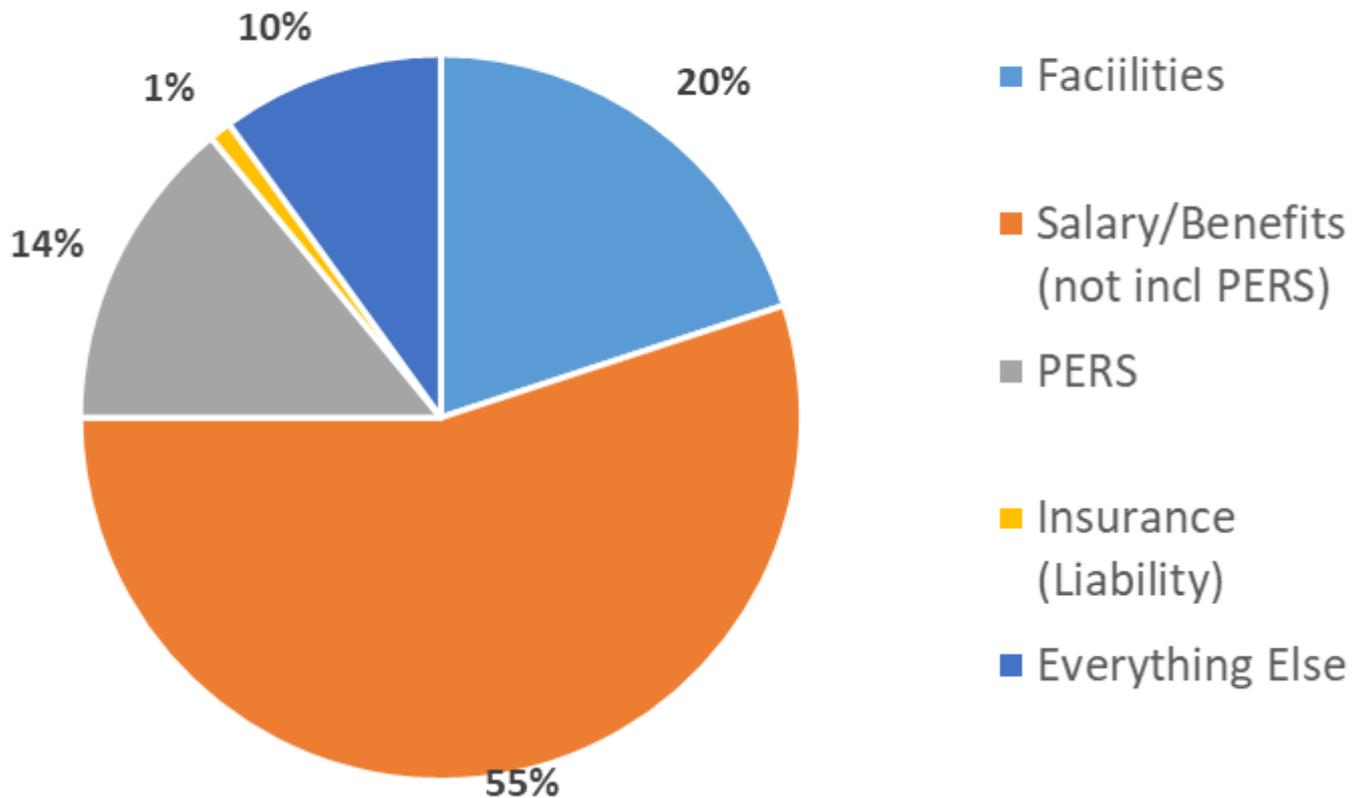
- Facilities - usually leased or purchased at market rate
- Salary/Benefits - ranging 10%-25% lower than District teacher scale
- PERS - ~23%-27% of salary, as identified within “school district” rates in OR
- Insurance - Commercial Policy, D&O Policy, Employee misconduct, and often Building Policy (including earthquake)
- Regular school expenses - materials and supplies, PD, etc.

Charter Schools Operations

Operational Costs for Charter Schools by avg percentage of budget:

- Facilities - ~20% of total budget
- Salary/Benefits - ~55%-60% of total budget (not including PERS)
- PERS - ~14% of total budget
- Insurance - ~1% of total budget
- Everything Else - 5%-10% of total budget

Charter School Expenses by Percent



Charter Schools Operations

Some of the challenges identified by Charter School Directors:

- Staff retention due to salary limitations (and associated PERS costs)
- Cost and availability of suitable facilities, lease stability
- Economy of scale to support specialized administrative functions (Risk Management, Legal, HR, Communications, etc.)

Charter Schools Funding

Questions?

SIA Fund Support Update

Implementation at Contracted Alternative Schools

Our Contracted Alternative Schools have received and implemented SIA/ESSER/Equity Fund supports included some of the following:

 <p>FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS</p>	 <p>SAFETY MITIGATION</p>	 <p>SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH</p>
 <p>PD FOR TEACHER MENTAL HEALTH</p>	 <p>STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COORDINATION</p>	 <p>FOOD AND CRITICAL SERVICES/NEEDS</p>

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Charter School Spotlight -- Emerson School

- School Director - Sunita Sandoz
- Emerson School Opened in 2003
- Serves Students in grades K-5
- Student Demographics
 - 26.8% Historically Underserved, 4% Asian, 1% Native, 67% White,
 - 16% Students with Disabilities
 - 6.5% Direct Certification
 - 36.3% Combined Historically Underserved
- 2021-22 Enrollment - 130
- Pre-COVID Enrollment - 144

Charter School Spotlight - The Emerson School

Introduction Video

[The Emerson School 2019 on Vimeo](#)

Alternative School Spotlight

Portland Community College

YES
to
COLLEGE

GATEWAY
to
COLLEGE



**Portland
Community
College**

K12 & Community Partnerships

Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

History~

Over 25 year partnership between PCC and PPS!

PCC Prep Alternative Programs

PCC Links Programs

Empowering students through personalized support, educational innovation, and academic excellence.



K-12 & Community Partnerships



Linda Huddle

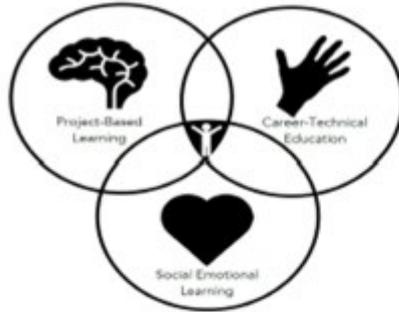


Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Head, Heart and Hand Pedagogy is People and Relationships

MPG Schools~

Within Culturally Sustaining and Nurturing Environments we center:



Links Mission Statement:

Empowering students through personalized support, educational innovation, and academic excellence.

College Success Coach



Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

We believe in students until they believe in themselves.

Unique Program Attributes

- Low student to College Success Coach ratios
- Wrap-around support services including: peer mentoring, leadership training, tutoring, counseling; all PCC student resources
- Adult learning environment
- Post-secondary connections built into program
- Career Pathway Development
- Dual credit opportunities while working on high school diploma requirements, ESOL, or post-GED studies



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We believe in students until they believe in themselves.

Who we serve~ 16-21 year old's who have dropped out of high school, or will not graduate with their class for a range of push and pull factors.

Gateway~ Learning community model. Develop skills and habits of college students. Earns High School Diploma, while earning average of 68 college credits.

YES GED+~ Partnership with ABE on each campus. Students obtain GED and transition into college classes to obtain degree or certificate.

YES ESOL+~ Partnership with ESOL on each campus. Students obtain either a GED or diploma (age / credits) and transition into college classes to obtain degree or certificate.



Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Southeast Campus – High School Programs Main Office



Rhonda McLeod

- Graduate of Project DEgree.
- Graduate of PCC.
- Welcomes all.



Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Thank you for Including CBOs in SIA and Equity Funding!

Allowed us to hire **two Counselors** to work with our students!



David Shultis LPC, MAC
pronouns: he/him/his



Ruth Anthony, LCSW, CADC-R
pronouns: she/her



Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Thank you for Including CBOs in Measure 98 Funding!

Allowed us to hire
an **Admissions Specialist**.

Our newest addition
to High School Programs.

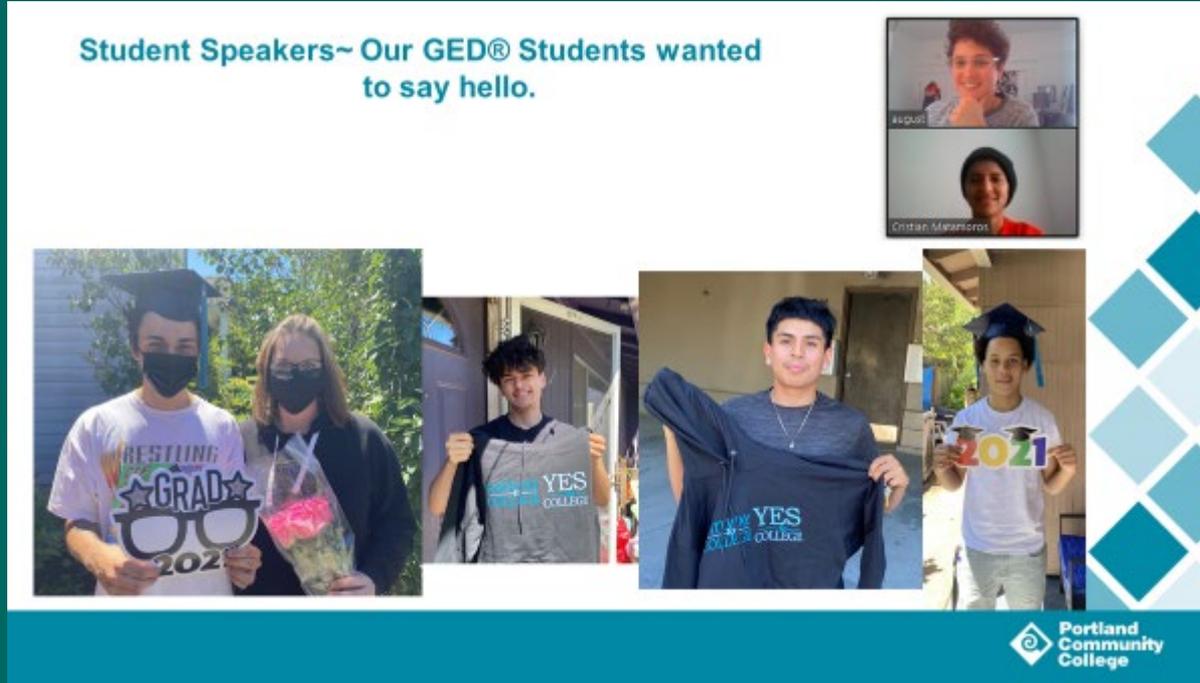


Jazmin Velazquez
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Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Student Speakers~ Our GED® Students wanted to say hello.

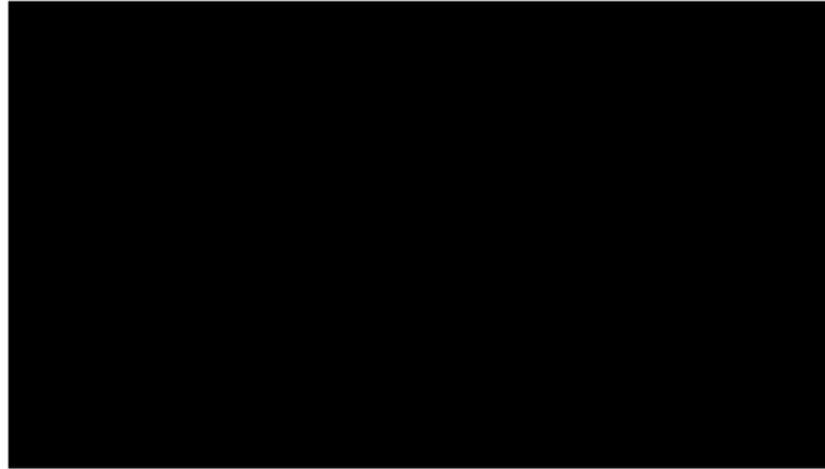


The collage features several images: a student in a graduation cap and gown holding a 'RESTING GRAD 2021' sign; a student in a 'YES COLLEGE' t-shirt; a student in a graduation cap and gown holding a '2021' sign; and a student in a 'YES COLLEGE' t-shirt. A video call window in the top right shows two students, with the name 'Cristian Maramoros' visible below one of them.

Portland Community College

Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Student Speakers~ Our ESOL Students wanted to say hello.



 Portland
Community
College

Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Student Speakers~ Our Gateway Students
wanted to say hello.



Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Student Speaker~ Carly Banker

Gateway to College Student.

Came from Franklin High School.

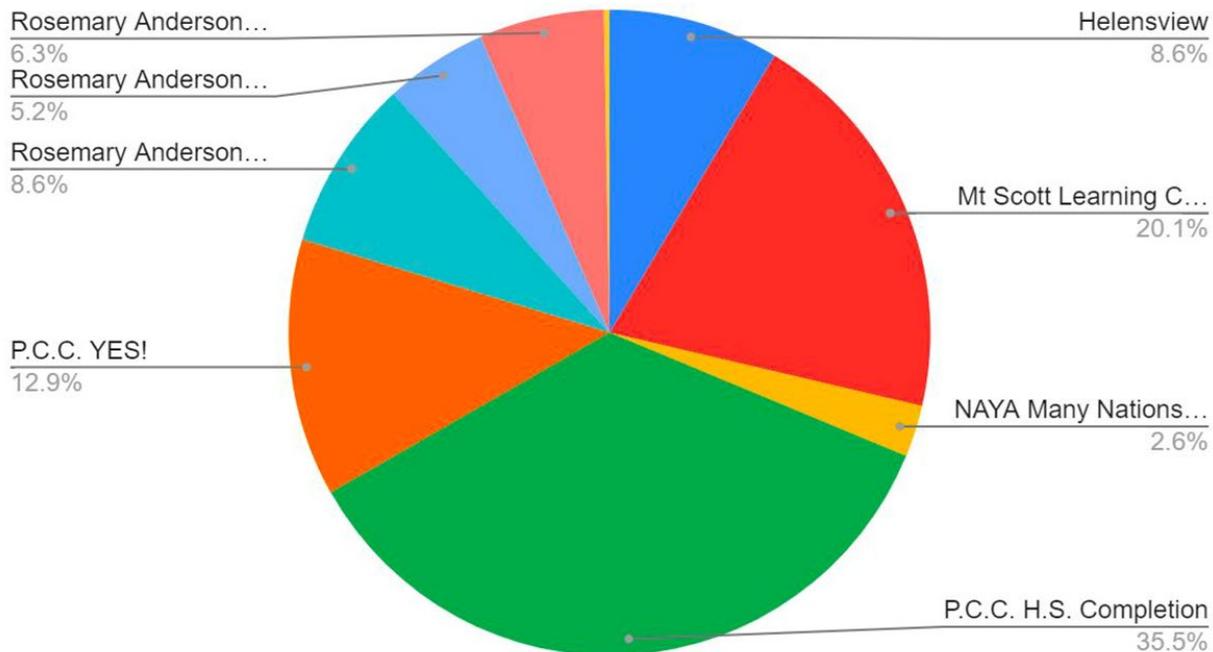
Will be graduating Fall term 2022

with a diploma

and 58 transferable college credits!



2020-21 Grads & Completers by School



Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

Declining Enrollment~ Pandemic Effects

GTC Students Served 2016/17 - 2021/22				
School Year	Student Count	% Change Year to Year	Graduate Count	% Change Year to Year
2016-2017	312	--	143	1
2017-2018	334	7	168	17
2018-2019	332	-1	157	-7
2019-2020	351	6	182	16
2020-2021	287	-18	111	-39
2021-2022*	205	--	24	--
2021-2022**	250	-13	75	-32

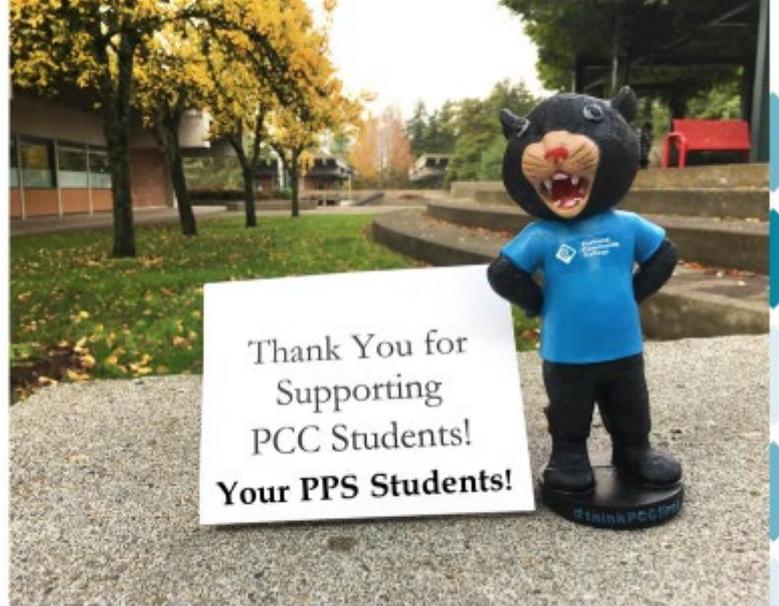
Ytc Students Served 2016/17 - 2021/22				
School Year	Student Count	% Change Year to Year	Completer Count	% Change Year to Year
2016-2017	440	--	156	--
2017-2018	432	-2	139	-11
2018-2019	463	7	144	4
2019-2020	352	-24	81	-44
2020-2021	306	-13	60	-26
2021-2022*	253	--	26	--

* All districts. PPS is approximately 85% of enrollment on average.



Alternative School Spotlight - Portland Community College

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Questions?

Public Comment