Portland Public Schools Adequate Yearly Progress Announced

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Portland, OR-The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) today released the ratings for Oregon schools testing under the No Child Left Behind federal law. Twenty-five individual schools were identified as not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): eleven high schools, nine middle schools and five elementary schools. At this time, the School District’s overall AYP status is pending because some scores had not been reviewed and determined final by ODE.

“This report is a window into our strengths and challenges,” said Vicki Phillips, the newly appointed Superintendent. “The results show that we are making progress in some areas, but it also shows we need to maintain a relentless focus on teaching and learning to reach expectations.”

Individual schools not meeting AYP include Benson High School, Cleveland High School, Franklin High School, Grant High School, Jefferson High School, Lincoln High School, Madison High School, Marshall High School, Roosevelt High School, Vocational Village High School, and Wilson High School, Beaumont Middle School, Binnsmead Middle School, George Middle School, Gregory Heights Middle School, Kellogg Middle School, Lane Middle School, Ockley Green Middle School, Tubman Middle School, Whitaker Middle School, Bridger Elementary School, Llewellyn Elementary School, Sunnyside Elementary School, Vestal Elementary School, and Woodlawn Elementary School.

“Student achievement is the primary focus of the School Board,” said Lolenzo Poe, Portland Public Schools Board Co-chair. “We are confident that the hiring of our new superintendent, Vicki Phillips, will result in reforms that will help the School District meet the high expectations set by the No Child Left Behind Act. It is the Board’s intention to diligently monitor the School District’s progress toward these goals.”

NCLB, signed into law by President George W. Bush in January 2002, requires states to set annual target goals for Adequate Yearly Progress, increasing up to the ultimate goal of 100% student proficiency in the school year 2013-14. Schools may not meet AYP as a result of not meeting achievement targets, participation (number of students taking the test), graduation rate, or attendance issues. As many as 48 categories can be weighed to determine whether a school has made AYP, depending on the school’s size and diversity.

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