



## PORTLAND EMPOWERED *Championing Voice in Education*



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Portland Empowered champions student and parent voice with a specific focus on engaging those who have historically been under represented. We reduce barriers and create opportunities for emerging youth and adult leaders so that youth in Portland public high schools are successful in high school and beyond.



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### **Parent Engagement Partners (PEPs)**

are parents, alumni, teachers, administrators, and community members who organize to ensure that parent voice is authentically incorporated into decision making in Portland's three public high schools. PEPs amplify voices of those too often left out of decision making in education — including immigrants and low income families. PEP organizers find ways to ensure that a broad group of parents are empowered to share their dreams for education and be part of making lasting, student-centered change.

### **Youth Engagement Partners (YEPs)**

are youth from Portland's three public high schools who organize within their schools and district-wide to co-construct the future of high school education in Portland. YEPs are emerging leaders who represent many different backgrounds and experiences with education. YEPs identify and advocate for changes that will help Portland's schools become more student-centered. Portland Empowered supports YEPs in gaining critical leadership skills, realizing their own power as change makers, and planning for their own futures.

