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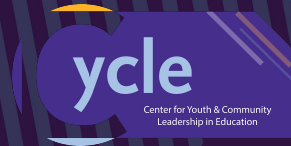
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Friday, October 23rd
3:00 - 4:30 PM EST

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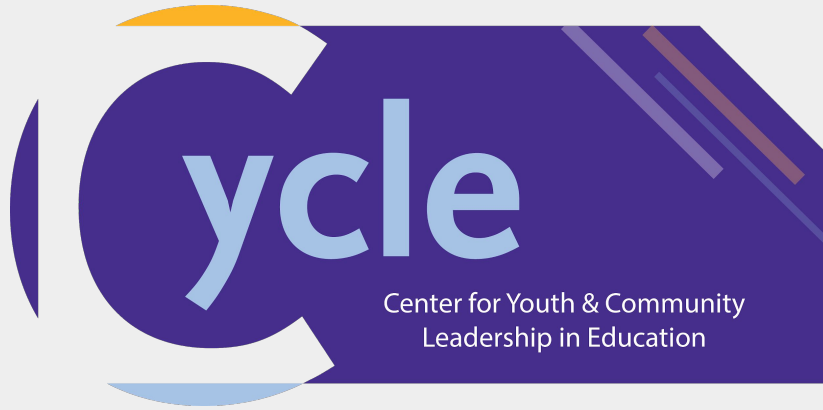
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We support youth, families, and educators to organize, fight for, and win policies and practices that create equitable opportunities and just outcomes for every student.



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reflections, and ideas!**

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Organizing Dispositions

The particular sensibilities to follow the wisdom, expertise, and leadership of those most negatively impacted by inequities, with attention to developing trusting relationships, strategic partnerships, and power.

Our Questions

- **What are organizing dispositions for educational leadership?**
- **What do they look like in educational practice?**
- **How do we support the development, growth, and application of organizing dispositions in educational leaders?**

Our Call

- **Trust community expertise**
- **Agitate toward values of social justice**
- **Develop the leadership of others**
- **Build collective power to make change**

Zoom Meeting Notes/Tips

- “Mute Audio”
- “Stop Video” & “Hide Non-Video Participants” for optimal viewing for all
- Use the “Chat” to submit questions for presenters
- This session is being recorded for documentation and learning purposes

Thank you!

- **CYCLE staff who have helped plan and support conference sessions, especially Joanne Thompson & Nichole Smith**
- **All of our session moderators, presenters, and panelists**
- **Our conference thought partners team**
- **The Spencer Foundation**
- **Everyone who is taking the time to attend conference sessions!**

Let's
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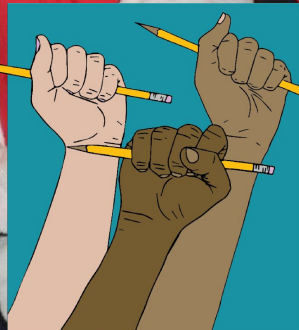
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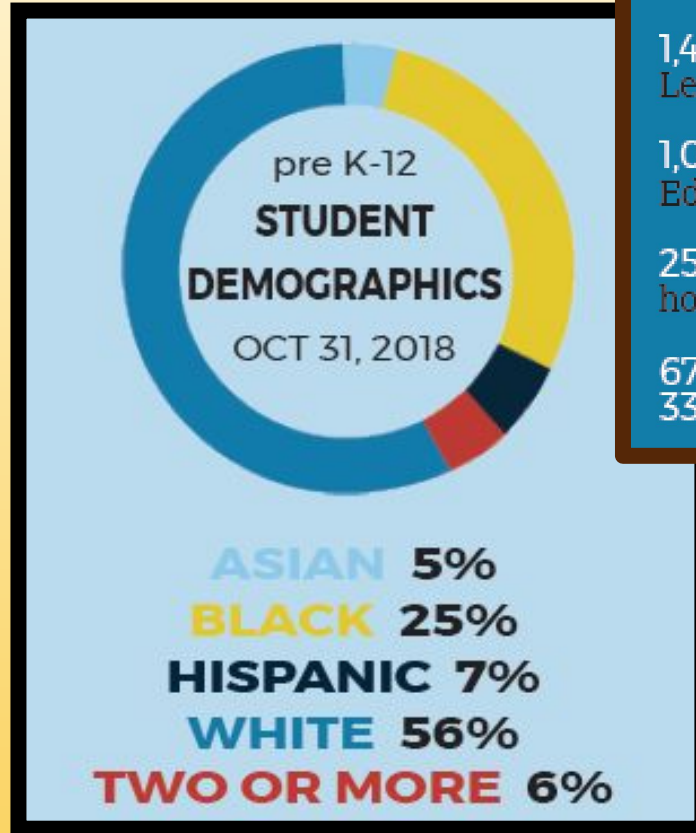
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PORTLAND EMPOWERED
CHAMPIONING VOICE IN EDUCATION

Education Equity in Portland

Portland Empowered champions student and parent voice with a specific focus on engaging those who have historically been under-represented.



3,777 students qualify for free or reduced cost lunch (56%)

1,497 are English Language Learners (22%)

1,083 are identified for Special Education (16%)

256 students living in homelessness (0.04%)

67 world languages spoken by 33.9% of students

Shared Space

Café



SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP POLICY

The Portland Board of Public Education honors the diversity of families and recognizes the important role parents, guardians and families play in the education of their children.

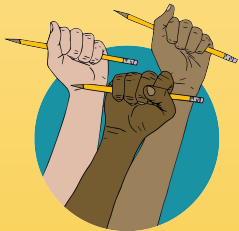
The Board encourages partnerships between the district administration, schools and families in order to share the responsibility of educating our students. The Board believes that our students will thrive if we welcome, inform, engage and empower families to support their children in school and build strong school communities.

Finally, the Board directs school and district representatives to use the following **policy values**¹ as guides in their work and to engage families in ways that:

1. Value and encourage face-to-face relationships.
2. Create safe spaces where everyone is welcome and valued as an expert in their role.

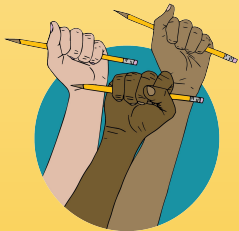
Shared Space Community Dialogue

- Trained and supported family leaders conduct personal outreach to participants.
- Accessibility considerations and accommodations are prioritized.
- Families define the problem and determine discussion topics.
- The concept of “expertise” is redefined and participants’ contributions are equally valued.
- Small-group conversations are conducted in multiple languages.
- Translation is provided for the English-speaking educators and participants.
- Parents and family members either facilitate or co-facilitate the discussions.



Parent Ambassador Training

We reduce barriers and create opportunities for emerging youth and adult leaders so that youth in Portland public schools are successful in school and beyond.



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Cutler Institute for Health and Social Policy

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Parent and Family Engagement Manifesto:

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