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Resolutions Number 5995 through 5999

Authorizing Application for Matching Funds from the Public Employee Retirement System
Employer Incentive Fund

- A. In 2018, the Legislature (SB 1049) established a 25% matching fund to encourage employers to prepay their future pension obligations. Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) will accept matching fund applications from all members as of December 2, 2019. Portland Public Schools will qualify to apply on December 2, 2019.
- B. Employers lump-sum payments are deposited in side accounts at PERS and invested alongside regular pension assets. If payments are made before December 31, 2019, they will provide an offset pension contribution in the 2021-23 biennium.
- C. From 2011 to 2017, Portland Public Schools has accumulated approximately \$9.5 million credit with PERS from its side account.

The Board authorizes Portland Public Schools to apply for Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) Matching Funds from the Employer Incentive Fund (EIF), matching a total of approximately \$9.5 million from the side account refund Portland Public Schools received from PERS. The side account refund and matching funds would be reinvested in a PERS side account to lower future pension obligations.

Approval of Head Start Policy Council Recommendation

Federal requirements call for the Governing Board of a Head Start program to approve recommendations for the program.

The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools serves as the Governing Board for the PPS Head Start Program.

Portland Public Schools Policy Council recommends the approval of the: PPS Head Start Application to Portland Children's Levy Request for Investment.

The Portland Children's Levy has funded four Head Start teacher positions and one full-time educational assistant position for 16 years. The PPS Head Start application for 2020 (i)3.2 (f)-18.4 (en)'3.1 (s)-82 (s)-8 (L)-1-12.3 (v)

Expenditure Contracts that Exceed \$150,000 for Delegation of Authority

Portland Public Schools ("District") Public Contracting Rules PPS-45-0200 ("Authority to Approve District Contracts; Delegation of Authority to Superintendent") requires the Board of Education ("Board") enter into contracts and approve payment for products, materials, supplies, capital outlay, equipment, and services whenever the total amount exceeds \$150,000 per contract, excepting settlement or real property agreements. Contracts meeting this criterion are listed below.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve these contracts. The Board accepts this recommendation and by this resolution authorizes the Deputy Clerk to enter into the following agreements.