

Cully Sidewalks

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federal money for the Cully project, nearly half the project budget, starting in 2002.

"To make the most of these limited dollars, the region has focused on making our streets safer for pedestrians and bicyclists," Metro Councilor Rex Burkholder said. "It's especially important for us to put these investments in minority and low income areas that have been

overlooked by urban planners for too long."

The Cully project cost approximately \$5.4 million for design, right of way acquisition, and construction. It received approximately \$1.9 million from the City of Portland's general fund, \$1.2 million of City of Portland Sewer System Development Charges, and \$2.4 million in federal funds through Metro's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW MIRACLES BUILDING



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WHEN: Friday, July 15, 2011

WHERE: The Miracles club, 4069
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TIME: We will gather on Garfield & Mason
at 10:00 Ceremony starts at 1-4 pm



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Jefferson High School Principal Margret Calvert and two of her students, sophomore Bridgette Lang and junior Melaku Arega, help announce a new partnership establishing the Jefferson High School Middle College for Advanced Studies, a pre-college focus school for students across the city.

Tuition Free Magnet

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sity of Oregon that gives many of its graduates a path to college tuition-free.

Jefferson students will earn a three-year scholarship to the University of Oregon under two conditions; they earn 45 college credits or a full year at Portland Community College under the middle-college program, and their family has an income of less than \$50,000 a year in order to qualify them for a Pell grant.

"The Jefferson Middle College program is an important extension of the University of Oregon's mission to educate Oregonians," Lariviere said, "Many of the students who will take advantage of the program will be the first in their families to graduate from college, an

accomplishment I know firsthand. It is for that reason that I am especially pleased to participate in this program."

Calvert expressed gratitude and excitement for the partnership that would offer kids "a well-defined path" and "take away a certain anxiety for kids to make the transition to college".

With access to aspects of a traditional high school experience, including performing arts, athletics and campus activities, Jefferson students will have the opportunity to earn

Jefferson graduates with families that make them eligible for a Pell grant and an Oregon Opportunity Grant can qualify for as much as \$7,500 a year and the typical recipient gets about \$5,500, reports the Oregonian. UO would cover the rest of student's tuition and fees, currently \$9,200 a year.

One year ago in June, a different scene took place on the steps of Jefferson among education leaders. Outspoken advocates of the African-American community resisted Portland Public School

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college credits tuition-free at PCC, ranging from several classes to a full year by the time they graduate.

"The Jefferson Middle College partnership with PCC is a vital part of our focus on graduating more students who are ready to succeed in college or in a competitive career field," said Superintendent Carole Smith, "This partnership makes the college experience a reality for many more of our students and helps us narrow the achievement gap."

All high school students who live in the Jefferson boundary are able to attend the school. Students from elsewhere in the school district can apply to attend through a lottery.

"Having the University of Oregon offer full scholarships to qualified students really motivates me to take more rigorous and difficult classes at PCC," said Bridgette Lang, an incoming sophomore at Jefferson and one of two students who spoke.

board vote to close Jefferson and Marshall to provide a more robust curriculum at the remaining seven high schools.

"It's amazing what all can happen one year later," said Tony Hopson of Self Enhancement, Inc, "Jefferson deserved another chance. It was the right thing to do."

Marshall High School's closure became a reality last week. Students and faculty at the southeast Portland campus ended the year with disappointment as they signed their last yearbooks and make difficult choices to move to Madison, Franklin, or elsewhere.

Mayor Sam Adams along with other education leaders, said the partnership with Jefferson was a new beginning for north and northeast Portland residents and part of a city-wide initiative addressing education for every kid, from kindergarten to college and cradle to career.

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