

# Celebrating diversity



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## Chief Joseph Tops List

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schools that feed into Jefferson High School.

Chief Joseph would close some-time in the future, but not right away in order to minimize the disruption for students and promote stability, Smith said. Ockley Green has under-performed in attracting students in recent years.

Smith also recommended that the district re-evaluate its transfer policy to ensure that it supports strong neighborhood schools across the district.

The Chief Joseph-Ockley Green consolidation plan is the latest in a series of suggestions for the Jefferson attendance area that also considered closures of Woodlawn and Vernon elementary schools in northeast Portland.

School closures have not generated the support of the community. Last year, the district closed Humboldt and Tubman in the Jefferson cluster.

Specifically, Smith will recommend merging Chief Joseph K-5 and Ockley Green PK-8 into a single neighborhood PK-8 school and close the Ockley Green focus option program. This merger would strengthen core program and enrichment for students and address crowding issues at Chief Joseph.

Chief Joseph and Ockley Green would operate as a shared campus while a phase-out of the Ockley Green magnet program occurs. The distribution of grades between buildings during that transition period would be determined.

Students attending the Ockley Green focus option program may remain in the merged PK-8, return to their neighborhood school, or apply to attend King PK-8.

The Chief Joseph building would ultimately close and all students would attend on the Ockley campus, which would undergo a re-naming.

The board is expected to vote on the superintendent's recommendation Feb. 25.

## Fire Displaces Students

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cause of the blaze. There were earlier reports by neighbors who heard

children running around the school and one teacher said she saw kids lighting fireworks near the school on Saturday night.



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