

# Back to School Shuttle

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Though the construction is forcing many students into what may be a strenuous commute, many families are hoping their children will ultimately see the benefit of the voter-approved upgrades taking place across the city.

"Students were excited about being back," said Superintendent Carol Smith about the group of kids returning to classrooms in recent days. "Staff was excited to welcome them, and many community partners jumped in to greet families."

Smith explained that this year would also mean new principals at 23 schools, and expressed hope for their new positions.

"We know that a strong principal who is a good match for a school community is one of the most important factors to the success of our teachers and students," Smith said, also expressing support for the new school board members, Paul Anthony, Julie Esparza Brown, Amy Kohnstamm and Mike Rosen, and the new Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Chris Russo, who is joining Portland Public Schools from the Reynolds School District.

Students and families looking for more information about recent upgrades within the Portland school system and upcoming changes can learn more by visiting [pps.k12.or.us](http://pps.k12.or.us).



Superintendent Carole Smith (from left) arrives first thing in the morning to greet Faubion students on their first day of school at the temporary Harriet Tubman school site in north Portland. Also pictured are Faubion Principal LaShawn Lee (from left), new School District Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Chris Russo, and Faubion Assistant Principal Jennifer McCalley.



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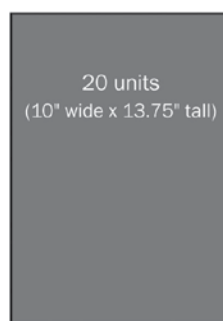
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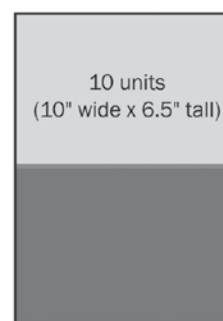
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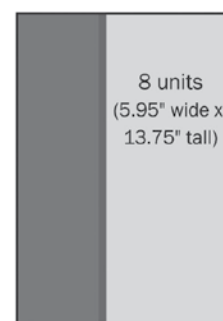
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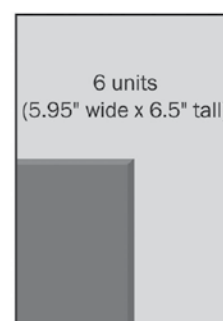
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