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Faubion School Principal Jen McCalley and Concordia Dean of Education Sheryl Reinisch share one of the many spaces inside the new school which fosters and celebrates diversity and community.

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students will be interacting with Faubion students on a daily basis.

Retired PPS leader Dr. Harriet Adair, a prominent advocate for the importance of early learning can community, played an instruholistic educational approach to

raise a child, and this is that saying Observer, in describing the new Faubion in a recent interview.

sively with community partners ilies asked for." to supply a wide range of vital at Faubion will have access to a nal outcome. health clinic operated by Kaiser ed in partnership with organic grocery store Basics and mental Family Services.

"We even have partnerships with different community organizations that are going to be teaching nutritious cooking for our kids and families that are interested," McCalley said.

She adds that the school emphasizes the importance of diversity, and is actively working to have minorities represented throughout kids go through this school," said the school's teaching and adminis- McCalley. "It's that kind of a legtrative positions.

at Faubion is actually the diversity of not only our students but our from a very diverse part of Portland that has historically been an African American community. With gentrification, that could be something that is shifting, but it's not."

imagining Faubion School, Mc- stead of getting rid of it, we had

Calley says that a tremendous amount of community input was weighed and considered. She says that voices from the community shaped the new institution into what it is today.

"It's a community driven projfrom Portland's African Ameri- ect," she explained. "I could point to the parent in our school whose mental role in bringing Faubion's idea it was to have the food club."

Other aspects of the new school's design and program-"It really does take a village to ming were also inspired by the 29 parent meetings that PPS hostin action," she told the Portland ed throughout Faubion's design

"The families have such a deep To bring an all-encompass- involvement in the design of the ing educational atmosphere to school," said McCalley. "The the school, PPS worked exten- health clinic was something fam-

Even the school's students wraparound services. Students played a role in the building's fi-

"All 500 students hand wrote Permanente, a food club creat- letters to the architects about what they wanted," McCalley said. "We were actually able to health care provided by Trillium implement quite a bit of what they wanted. We did a lot of architectural features to make the building feel welcoming, and safe and inviting."

> Preserving Faubion School's generational nature has been another important part of the institution's rebuilding process, Mc-Calley says.

"Grandparents, parents and acy that instills such a deep sense "The thing I'm most proud of of pride within the community in a local school."

By recycling parts of the old staff," said McCalley. "We come Faubion School into the new building, McCalley says that PPS has been able to preserve generational continuity for the school's alumni and their children.

"We had a non-native sequoia tree on campus that had to come Throughout the process of re- down," said McCalley, "but in-

it manufactured into benches and tables."

She adds that by incorporating community voices and involvement throughout the design and construction process, Faubion is a school that everyone in the community can be proud of.

"We want this school to be the heartbeat of the community, and that's something that we're really proud of," McCalley said. "It's a huge source of pride for our families and for our communities."



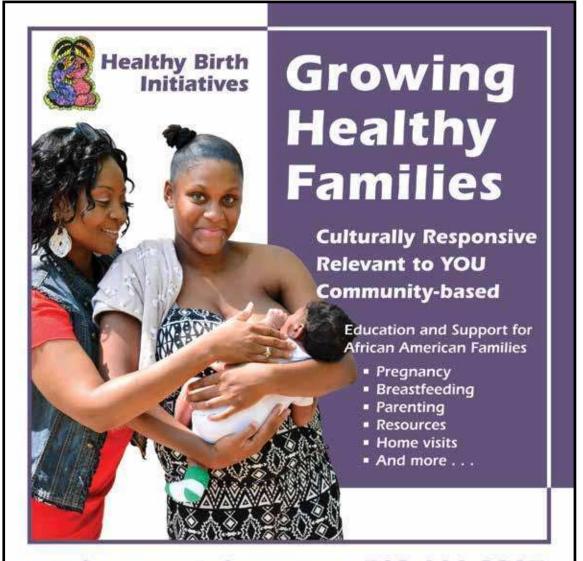
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