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fight for every last vote in Oregon, Kentucky, California, the Dakotas," Sanders said. "Now we fully acknowledge we are good at arithmetic, that we have an uphill climb ahead of us. But we're used to fighting uphill climbs. We have been fighting uphill from the first day of this campaign when people considered us a fringe candidacy."

the national convention. That makes Oregon's 13 Democratic superdelegates — a handful of which have already endorsed Clinton — up for grabs next week a drop in the bucket. Still, Oregon has one of the strongest Sanders-leaning electorates of the few states with remaining primaries, which could bode well for him considering

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In his speech, Sanders hit Republican presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump hard from the get-go, saying he must be defeated.

"At the end of the day, love always trumps hatred," he said.

Sanders also said as he's said previously that he is in the best position to defeat Trump in the general election.

Sanders spoke to differences between him and Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton, but for only a short time late into his hour-long speech.

Despite trailing almost insurmountably behind Clinton in delegates, Sanders has refused to give up after walking away with the recent wins. He's now looking to Oregon and the nine other remaining Democratic state primaries to help him achieve the near-impossible: a brokered national convention in Philadelphia this summer.

Sanders has won 19 states to Clinton's 23, but she is 94 percent of the way to winning the nomination with just 145 delegates short of the 2,383 required.

That means she could lose all the states left to vote and still become the nominee, as long as her vast support among party insiders known as superdelegates continues. Superdelegates are free to vote as they please at

the state's 61 bound delegates will be doled out proportionally based on next week's results.

Alfonso Barrera, 34, pledged his unwavering support for Sanders at the rally.

"Some might go vote for Hillary Clinton to try and beat Donald Trump, but I'm still for Bernie," said Barrera, who traveled to the rally from Albany. "It's like, I've been a 49er fan my entire life whether we're winning or losing. I'm a Bernie fan. I like what he stands for."

Bernie Foster, publisher of *The Skanner News*, also spoke at the event.

"There is change coming," Foster said. "There is a revolution coming and for the young people here today, I say showing up at a rally is good but it's not enough. You need to get involved in government. Go to city council meetings and speak up. Run for office, stand up and speak your values. This is what will bring real change in America."

See the rest of his talk at theskanner.com.

Sanders also gave a shout-out to Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon, the only member of the U.S. Senate to endorse him.

Clinton has not yet visited Oregon, but her husband has been in the state twice in recent weeks.

The Skanner News staff contributed to this story.



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Gateway Discovery Park

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz broke ground on Portland's newest park, Gateway Discovery Park, May 7. Pictured here at the ceremony are Hongsa Chanthavong, IRCO (left); Arlene Kimura, Hazelwood Neighborhood Association; Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz; Lois Chilcott, Elder of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin; Mike Abbaté, Director of Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R).

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Pacific American Network of Oregon Youth Leadership group, which had been advocating for ethnic studies for over a year through their "Missing Pages of Our History" campaign.

The Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons, executive director for APANO, said these youth leaders were concerned with dropout rates and the achievement gap for communities of color.

"Too many of our students here in Oregon are continuing to drop out before high school," Santos-Lyons said. "The youth were really thinking about what would help student retention and student achievement."

The field of ethnic studies challenges the traditional teaching of history and social studies to look beyond White, Eurocentric history. The classes focus on the history of African Americans, Latino, Asian Pacific Islander and Native American peoples as well as the history of immigrant and LGBTQ communities. This teaching practice arose out of the Civil Rights Movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s on college campuses.

In January of this year, Stanford University released a study of the effects of ethnic studies courses on youth at risk of dropping out of high school. The study found that ninth-grade attendance rose 21 percentage points and GPAs rose 1.4 grade points.

The authors concluded that cul-

turally relevant education was a good strategy to reduce dropouts and to engage high school students.

Lillian Gee, a member of the APANO youth organization,

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ALLY, said her history classes did not reflect her heritage. Gee, who is half-Korean and half-Black, said her Korean culture is never mentioned in class at all and her Black history is looked on as a negative.

"I feel like the history classes focus on a lot of negative things about cultures of color and not things that have uplifted our people and uplifted this country," Gee said.

Learning history from the traditional lens has felt wrong to Gee. She was angry that figures like Christopher Columbus are treated as heroic adventurers without deeply exploring the racism and genocide in the establishment of the United States.

The PPS resolution is only the first step to bringing ethnic studies to all PPS high schools. In the first year, an advisory group will

be convened to develop the ethnic studies curriculum and to train teachers. By 2018 there will be one ethnic studies elective class available in every high school.

Santos-Lyons said the intention

is to integrate ethnic studies into social studies and history core curriculum. The first phase of the plan is to bring this to high schools, but Santos-Lyons would like to see ethnic studies integrated into all levels of education. Gee hopes that Ethnic studies will be taught nationwide.

Four years into the PPS plan, there will be a revision of social studies curriculum and a plan to teach ethnic studies in middle schools.

PPS Superintendent Carole Smith told *The Skanner News* that the ethnic studies policy was created and guided by the students of the region. These students will continue to be involved through the planning and implementation of the curriculum, she said.

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ternoon and shifted the opening time to start later in the day.

"It's just a cool idea to give people in Northeast on weekends something to do," McConkey said.

Smiff said most of the vendors at the fair are minority-owned businesses and many have stores or do business in North or Northeast Portland. Others have roots in Northeast Portland and have moved to other parts of the Portland metro area, but enjoy coming

back.

"It was almost a chance to come home," Smiff told *The Skanner News*.

Table fees run from \$20 to \$60 de-

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pending on the size, but community organizations can distribute information at the event for no charge, McConkey

told *The Skanner*. Those interested in getting involved can get in touch with him through McConkey's website, sneakercart.com.

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Smiff said the market has already attracted some interest, but he hopes to see the event slowly grow over time.

The Northeast Portland Saturday Market has also partnered with the musical collective Twelve Angry Artistry to provide music, with a focus on local artists and producers. Local hip-hop producer Trox curated music for the grand opening, and organizers hope to continue to offer entertainment from a variety of genres at the event.