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The vision is to usher graduates of the converted K-5 schools into Tubman and Roseway Heights.

Moreover, the district is promising around 12 percent of its seats at Tubman to be reserved for children of families who were displaced by gentrification.

While the policy looks well-intentioned from the onset, one good deed – in this case – disrupts another.

'A culturally-affirming place for our African American children'

The proposal will set in motion a jostling of boundaries and buildings that will no doubt appease some and disappoint others – namely, KairosPDX.

Opened in 2013 as a one-of-kind charter school to improve academic outcomes of young African American students, KairosPDX currently operates in the former building of Humboldt Elementary School.

If the proposal passes, the district will take back its building, leaving the charter school without a home.

As KairosPDX executive director Kali Ladd told *The Skanner*, PPS has provided no alternative space for relocation.

The charter serves K-5 and currently enrolls 126 students; 75 percent of which are youth of color and of that, 57 percent are African American. Its curriculum focuses on Black history and incorporates an Afro-centric approach. Ladd calls her a school a "culturally-affirming place for our African American children."

While she is thrilled at the prospect of having Tubman Middle School available for KairosPDX students entering sixth grade, Ladd doesn't want to lose her building. She said she was intentional about selecting it because it sits in a historically Black neighborhood.

KairosPDX's good work in helping to close the achievement gap for Afri-

can American students, in particular, was the reason it was able to extend its initially one-year lease from PPS in the first place.

It's no secret that the district has taken a skeptical stance on charter schools, which are often portrayed as resource-guzzling private ventures.

"The only reason this is an issue is because we're a charter," said Ladd. Yet charter schools are part of the PPS portfolio, and the district reports their scores like any other public school.

"Anything we do, they benefit from. But they're undermining that work," continued Ladd.

She told *The Skanner* that KairosPDX originally tried to open as a focus-option school, because the district currently has none that serve African American kids. PPS turned them down.

'Not a building issue, but an equity issue'

The district is planning on filling KairosPDX's building with another school – ACCESS Academy Alternative Program, a K-8 school for exceptionally gifted (and predominately White) children.

According to 2016 numbers, only two percent of ACCESS's 350 students are Black.

ACCESS is currently located at 57th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard, the former site of Rose City Park Elementary School, which would re-open in its former building as a K-5.

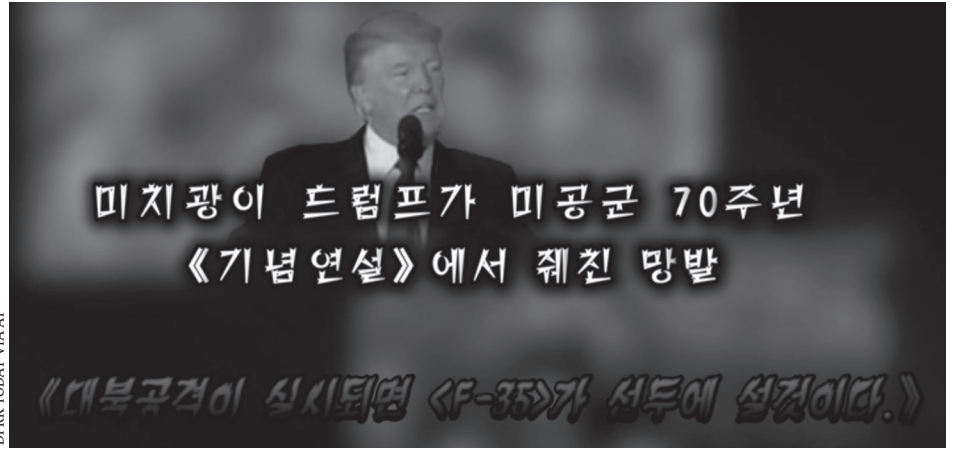
Fortunate for KairosPDX, the school that is displacing it is joining the fight to stay put. Ladd told *The Skanner* that ACCESS doesn't want to move either.

The *Skanner* reached out to ACCESS, but its principal declined to comment.

Ladd said the proposed relocation is not taking children at both schools into account.

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Experts: N. Korea Lacks Ability, Intent to Attack US Planes



DPRK TODAY VIA AP

This image made on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, from propaganda video released by North Korea, shows U.S. President Donald Trump. Military analysts say North Korea doesn't have the capability or intent to attack U.S. bombers and fighter jets, despite the country's top diplomat saying it has the right to do so. They view the remark by North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho and a recent propaganda video simulating such an attack as responses to fiery rhetoric by U.S. President Donald Trump and his hardening stance against the North's nuclear weapons program. Words say "Madman Trump in the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force babbled that if there will be an attack on the North, the F-35 will lead the way" and "F-35, B-1B and Carl Vinson, lead the attack if you will. That will be the order you head to the grave."

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – Military analysts say North Korea doesn't have either the capability or the intent to attack U.S. bombers and fighter jets, despite the country's top diplomat saying it has every right to do so.

They view the remark by North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho and a recent propaganda video simulating such an attack as tit-for-tat responses to fiery rhetoric by U.S. President Donald Trump and his hardening stance against the North's nuclear weapons program.

By highlighting the possibility of a potential military clash on the Korean Peninsula, North Korea may be trying to create a distraction as it works behind the scenes to advance its nuclear weapons development, said Du Hyeon Cha, a visiting scholar at Seoul's Asan Institute for Policy Studies. Another possibility is that North Korea is trying to win space to save face as it contemplates whether to de-escalate its standoff with Washington, he said.

Ri said Trump had "declared war" on his country by tweeting that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "won't be around much longer." Ri said North Korea has "every right" to take countermeasures, including shooting down U.S. strategic bombers, even those not in their airspace.

The U.S. frequently sends advanced warplanes to the Korean Peninsula

for patrols or drills during times of animosity. Last weekend, U.S. bombers and fighter escorts flew in international airspace east of North Korea to the farthest point north of the border between North and South Korea that they have in this century, according to the Pentagon.

Hours after the flights Sunday, a North Korean government propaganda website posted a video portraying U.S. warplanes and an aircraft carrier being destroyed by attacks. The video on DPRK Today, which was patched together from photos and crude computer-generated animation, also included footage of North Korean solid-fuel missiles being fired from land mobile launchers and a submarine. Hong Min, an analyst at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification, said the North was trying to claim it has the ability to conduct retaliatory strikes.

Moon Seong Mook, a former South Korean military official and current senior analyst for the Seoul-based Korea Research Institute for National Strategy, said it's unlikely North Korea has the capability to match Ri's words. North Korea's aging MiG fighters won't stand a chance against much more powerful U.S. fighters escorting long-range bombers.

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