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PHOTO BY LISA LOVING
KairosPDX student Zahir Hardy tells reporters why he likes his school, at a press conference Tuesday.

KairosPDX Persuades District

Portland schools superintendent signals a change in direction on displacing charter school

By Lisa Loving
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The Portland Public Schools District is in the middle of a significant school scramble, but it looks like the KairosPDX charter school might make it through intact.

Hundreds of supporters of KairosPDX who packed the school board meeting Tuesday night — wearing “Black Students Matter” T-shirts and chanting “5 More Years!” — looked on as Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero read an announcement that he will re-com-

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AP PHOTO/MANUEL BALCE CENET
A protester is removed from the hearing room as President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Sept. 5 for the second day of his confirmation hearing to replace retired Justice Anthony Kennedy.

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PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED
Members of the community and several Seattle police officers greeted Rainier Beach High School students with high fives, on Sept. 5, the first day of school.

Storytelling Event Seeks to Elevate 'Our Bold Voices'

Next week's iteration of recurring event carries theme of mentoring

By Christen McCurdy
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Tye Bentley is a graduate of Rosemary Anderson High School who now works as a server at Olive Garden. Joshua Thomas works for the Oregon Food Bank as a network compliance coordinator. Myranda Harris is seeking work in HIV advocacy.

They'd never met before connecting through Paul Iarrobino, the creator of a recurring Portland storytelling event called Our

Bold Voices, which produced its first event this spring.

Along with two other storytellers, Bentley, Thomas and Harris will take the stage at the Mission Theater in Northwest Portland Sept. 13. Gathered at Iarrobino's house for a Friday-afternoon rehearsal, the group talked about their backgrounds, why they got interested in storytelling and what they had done to prepare for the event.

Next week's iteration of the event, titled “Our Bold

Voices Presents: Schooled,” focused on the idea of mentorship, with storytellers answering the question: Who got you here?

“And in 10 minutes!” said Harris, prompting laughter from the group.

Everyone who participates in Our Bold Voices receives some coaching on how to prepare their story – which was part of the draw for Bentley, who was put in touch with Iarrobino after his presentation at RAHS + POIC's 50th anniversary event. He already enjoys public speaking but

wanted to get more practice and coaching. Iarrobino said the initial draft was “a beautiful speech,” but it sounded more like a speech for a black-tie fundraiser than a story. He's worked with Bentley on finding a more natural, straightforward style that better fits this type of event.

The program is styled after events like The Moth, a New York City-based storytelling event that has spawned a public radio show and touring events, but with the intention of el-

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Court: Cities Can't Prosecute People for Sleeping on Streets

9th Circuit Court rules sit-lie prosecutions amount to cruel and unusual punishment

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Cities can't prosecute people for sleeping on the streets if they have nowhere else to go because it amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, which is unconstitutional, a federal appeals court said Tuesday.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with six homeless people from Boise, Idaho, who sued the city

in 2009 over a local ordinance that banned sleeping in public spaces. The ruling could affect several other cities across the U.S. West that have similar laws.

It comes as many places across the West Coast are struggling with homelessness brought on by rising housing costs and income inequality.

When the Boise lawsuit was filed, attorneys for the homeless residents said as many as 4,500 people didn't have a place to sleep in Idaho's cap-



ADAM COTTERELL/BOISE STATE PUBLIC RADIO
This undated file photo shows the entrance to an alley known as Cooper Court, a homeless camp in Boise, Idaho.

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