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Michelle DePass, Portland Public Schools Board of Education Chair

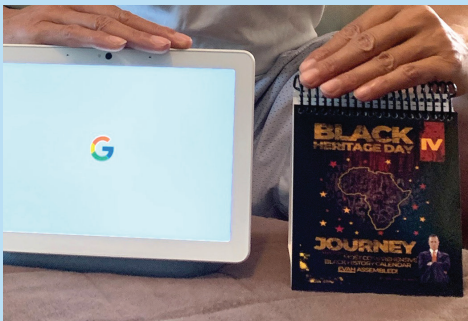
New Schoolboard Leadership Eyes Equity

In-classroom instruction, district redrawing, and bond money for Black students suggest busy academic year.

By *Saundra Sorenson*
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Two days after she was elected by her peers as chair of the Portland school board last week, Michelle DePass attended a retreat focused on training elected public school officials to lead with a bold, anti-racist vision.

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Google Provides Daily Black History

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Space Jam #1 at the Box Office

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BLOCK REUNITES



A fan of the esteemed elder Dr. Maxine Mimms, founder of the Evergreen College, Tacoma Branch takes a selfie with her at the 2nd Annual Reunion on Union dinner and block party in Seattle. The event brings together legacy families from Seattle's Central District, many forced out by gentrification, for an evening of reminiscing and reconnecting with old friends and family. Over 50 families participated in this year's event.

County Extends Rent Grace Period for Tenants Who Have Applied for Assistance

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With the state declining to extend the eviction moratorium further, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has voted to give a 90-day period of protection to tenants who can show documentation that they have applied for rent assistance.

A statewide moratorium on all evictions enacted to protect tenants during the pandemic expired last month, despite a push to include an extension in the recently passed Senate Bill 282. Under that provision, tenants cannot be evicted for back rent owed from April 2020 until June 30 of this year, and they now have until February 2022 to repay landlords. But SB

282 did nothing to ease the minds of tenants who are still unable to make rent this month and any time after. Senate Bill 278 established a 60-day period of reprieve for tenants unable to pay current rent but actively applying for rental assistance from the state. County officials argued, however, that an additional 30 days would

be necessary to accommodate the unprecedented number of applications the state, county and its partners had received for the funding. "In the years prior to the pandemic, our short-term rent assistance network had been responsible for distributing roughly \$10 million a year," County Board of Commissioners

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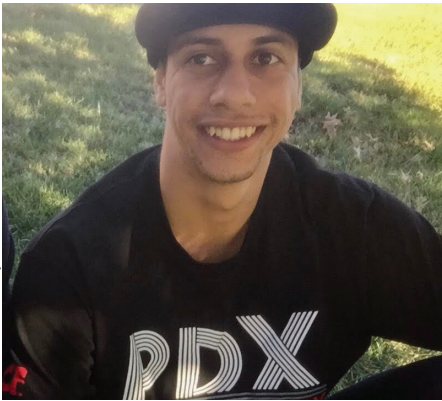
City Council Approves Settlement in Lawsuit Over the Killing of Terrell Johnson by Portland Police

Johnson was shot at SE Flavel MAX station on May 10, 2017, while experiencing a mental health crisis

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The Portland City Council has unanimously approved a \$600,000 settlement in a wrongful death lawsuit over the killing of Terrell Johnson by Portland Police in 2017. The settlement was agreed in court in May and means the City will not have to defend PPB's actions at trial. Officer Samson Ajir shot Terrell Johnson at SE Flavel MAX station

on the evening of May 10, 2017, while Johnson was experiencing a mental health crisis for which he had unsuccessfully sought help from medical providers. Officer Ajir was one of a group of Portland Police officers who responded to a 911 call from a bystander at the MAX stop who was concerned about Terrell Johnson. Ajir gave chase when Johnson ran away, contravening multiple Bureau policies that detail when foot pursuits are permitted and how they



Terrell Johnson

should be conducted. Having failed to follow directives designed to protect

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