

Background:

Seattle Public Schools is facing a massive budget shortfall and is currently working on a budget for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years. The district will be making around \$11million in cuts to schools including “Consolidating to a System of Well-Resourced Schools”. The North Beach Elementary PTA is advocating to The Seattle Public School Board and Seattle Public Schools to outline their requirements for a well resourced school. Every student in the district deserves an education that has the same basic requirements and resources and then can be built to meet the diverse educational needs of the students.

Additional Resources:

Recent School Board Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeFVzuedZys&t=6416s>
[Seattle Times article](#) dated 2/6/2023

Two requests:

1. Please [register and attend](#) the District 2 Community meeting on Saturday, Feb 11th at 1pm on zoom. Register here: <http://bit.ly/D2D4CM>
2. Please send the below letter, with any updates and edits you feel appropriate to our School Board [District 2](#) Representative, [Lisa Rivera Smith](#) , and [The School Board](#) via the SPS website.

Dear Members of the Seattle Public School Board,

My name is _____. I am a parent of students at North Beach Elementary. I am writing on behalf of our school community in regards to the information you provided at your meeting on January 25. At this meeting, the district broadly outlined plans to overcome the massive budget shortfall facing the district in the next few years. This plan includes cutting over \$26 million to the district offices and \$11 million to local schools. Part of the \$11 million in reductions to schools the district indicates a need to “consolidate into a system of well resourced schools”.

The North Beach Elementary PTA requests that the district publicly define what a “well resourced” school is. We believe that all students in Seattle Public Schools deserve a system of schools with an equal baseline of educational resources and defining those resources will demonstrate a commitment to the students of Seattle.

During the meeting on January 25, it was mentioned that specifications will be outlined sometime in the spring. **We would like to invite you to any of our PTA meetings this spring for a community session at our school** to answer some of the following questions:

- What classes and services should every student in Seattle Public Schools expect in the future? What are the specifications for these programs?

- How will the district strategically spread equitable resources?
- How is the district determining staff and open position cuts?
- How will the district maintain the legal K-3 class size ratio of 1:20?
- What is the ideal school size
- How are school locations being prioritized?
- What is the plan for “optimizing resources” in neighborhood schools?
- Can you provide an example of a district model as a case study for consolidating schools?
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Below are the dates of three North Beach Elementary PTA meetings. You are welcome via zoom or in person. If there is another date that works better, we can also host a town hall style meeting with The School Board and our community.

March 14, 6:30pm

April 18, 6:30pm

May 9, 6:30pm

Thank you for your attention to this request and I look forward to hearing from you. If you want to reach out to me directly, please feel free to email me at legislative@northbeachpta.org or my cell at 216-570-0868.

Sincerely,

North Beach Elementary Parent and Advocate