

**Portland Public Schools
353 Cumberland Avenue
Parking Deck Use Proposal**

August 10, 2017

1. Proposal: The Portland Public Schools would like to redesignate the back portion of their parking deck at 353 Cumberland Avenue to an outdoor learning and play space for students currently attending the Bayside Learning Community in the ground floor of our building with an entrance at 28 Portland Street.
2. Designated area (current): The roughly 2600 SF area (55.5 feet deep and varying in width from 44 feet to 50 feet) accommodates four (4) parking spaces (two of which are handicapped), our screened-in dumpster and a short term delivery spot.
3. Designated area (proposed): We would like to place picnic tables, stencil four square and other like games on the asphalt, add planters and include a basketball hoop. As part of the plan, we would like to put a new fence along the boundary with Alder Street, place barricades between the proposed space and the remaining parking spaces, and screen windows facing the area. The fence along Alder Street would extend roughly twelve (12) feet above the low profile, orange painted concrete wall with the first six feet being chain link and the upper six feet being netting. The top of the pole/netting would extend about one foot above the roofline or about 13.5' to 14' above the parking deck.
4. Remaining parking deck area: We will be left with 51 lineal feet along the Alder Street boundary for use as parking space. We would hope to get two handicapped spaces with required aisle separation and most likely two (possibly three) regular parking spaces. The depth from the road edge to the barricades would be about 75 feet...more than adequate for any delivery vehicle or bus to pull off Cumberland Avenue. Visitors who can not find a parking space on our parking deck due to the loss of four to five spaces could either park their cars on the street in short term parking, park in the Monument Square parking garage (reimbursable) or park in one of our off-site parking lots.
5. Employee parking: We currently have 8 spaces in our covered parking garage, 36 spaces in the gated lot next to Dyer's Variety, and 59 spaces allocated to us by contract at Bubba's for a total of 103 parking spaces for PPS employees. All 103 spaces are managed through our office and we currently have 14 slots available. We will have the potential of 111 employees working out of our 3 story facility this fall. Rarely, if ever, will all 111 employees be at work at the same time. (Note: Some staff have opted to rent parking spaces in nearby parking garages.)
6. Bus parking and drop off at our 28 Portland Street address (bottom floor of three story building): Our Transportation Director, Mr. Fred Barlow, met with Ms. Katherine Earley

and Mr. Jeremiah Bartlett on June 19, 2017 to see if there was any way to reduce the queuing of buses blocking the bike lane on Portland Street in front of the Bayside Learning Community entrance. Following a brief overview of arrival and dismissal procedures and associated challenges, it was agreed that the Portland Public Schools' bus drivers would try to limit their queue time to no more than 5 minutes and would explore the possibility waiting in a designated location (for example, behind the bowling alley) and coming up to the school when students are dismissed.

7. Waste collection: The periodic waste collection would be done using large rolling toters that our vendor would pick up on Alder Street.