



## Herman Greene for Portland Public Schools Board Member

Herman Greene is a ***father of four***, a ***community justice advocate*** and ***North Portland Proud***. At the core of his work is his passion for equity, unity and hope for his community.

Herman is an ordained Pastor in the Black Church and is a Graduate of Warner Pacific College with an MA in Organizational Leadership and Non-profit Business.

Herman's four children are graduates of North Portland schools. His son is an artist and pursuing his dream of making music- two of his daughters are attending the University of Oregon and his eldest daughter is a teacher at Roosevelt High School. Through his children he knows the power of public education and at the same time understands the disparities of Black and Brown children and other marginalized and underserved youth in our schools. ***Now with a COVID crisis the voices of those most vulnerable must be heard.***

Herman's passion for community justice motivates his work with gun violence prevention, counseling the incarcerated with his wife Nike at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and serves as a mentor and parent advocate in Portland Public Schools. ***Herman knows that the prison pipeline begins in schools and the over disciplining of Black and Brown children leads to the violence and devastating outcomes we are witnessing in our communities.***

Herman knows that we have waited too long for change- especially in North and Northeast Portland. Now we need a new leader at the table that can get the ears of the community to bring change. I want to be the leader for our community that is YOUR VOICE FOR YOUR SCHOOLS.

### **Priorities:**

1. Increase graduation rate for minority groups and students of color
2. Expand opportunities for learning trades in High Schools
3. Focus programming on increasing substandard reading levels in Portland's middle and grade schools
4. Take a deep dive into the budget, cut waste and make necessary fixes to our schools
5. Equitable funding structures for our schools regardless of regional economic status
6. Reduce negative impact of standardized testing on education and respect different learning styles and student's requirements
7. Expand and maintain diverse staffing in PPS schools while considering the disproportionate impact of upcoming budget reductions on staff of different backgrounds

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