Portland Public Schools Are in Crisis and Teachers Know What’s Needed

Our students are in crisis. Our district has a severe staffing shortage.

Every day we’re missing hundreds of teachers, counselors, aides, and support staff, the very professionals our students depend on to help them navigate tough times.

Teachers have worked themselves past the breaking point trying to fill these gaps, but it’s taken a heavy toll. In a recent survey, 1400 PPS teachers said they are considering leaving PPS or taking a leave of absence.

This system is not sustainable and we need to act.

Portland teachers want to make sure we can maintain in-person instruction and ensure a stable school year for all our students.

But if we want to stabilize PPS and keep experienced teachers in the district, we need to take action.

And more than anything, this means giving teachers the TIME they need to work with students who are struggling, and to address our students’ unprecedented social and emotional needs.

Get the facts about what teachers think our students need and what PPS should do to avert a crisis.