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Dear PPS Community,

We recognize that our community is facing a multitude of issues, but it's during challenging moments like these that we have the opportunity to come together. For the last year and a half, we have been actively designing the Jefferson Modernization so that the school remains an anchor for our Black community in the heart of the historic Albina neighborhood. We want to continue to amplify opportunities for our community to shape and address challenges as they emerge.

As you likely know, during the summer, engineers and architects provided the district with new information about safety and cost concerns related to keeping students onsite during the construction of the current design. That new information led the district to propose moving Jefferson students to the Marshall campus during construction, as it has done in recent years for students at Benson, McDaniel, and Grant.

But we've heard an overwhelming number of community members express concerns about Marshall – so, let's regroup.

We invite you to a collaborative conversation about ***“Rebuilding a Thriving Jefferson High School.”*** We want to discuss how to maintain the integrity of our community during construction, reduce disruptions, and generate new possibilities.

**Date:** Monday, November 6th

**Location:** Self Enhancement, Inc. 3920 N Kerby Ave, Portland, OR 97227

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:30pm

This discussion will be sponsored by the [Center for Black Student Excellence](#). The Center comprises a constellation of academic programs, strategies, supports, and experiences reinforced by **physical infrastructure**. Each of these elements work in coordination to create a transformational approach to Black student learning.

The Jefferson Modernization, too, stands to be transformational for our Black students. Just as we stood shoulder-to-shoulder last year to envision the Center, so we invite you again to the future Jefferson – both during construction and beyond.

Event Information

## **"Rebuilding a Thriving Jefferson High School**

When?

**Monday, Nov 6, 2023, 06:00 PM**

Where?

**Self Enhancement, Inc., North Kerby Avenue,  
Portland, OR, USA**

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