

# SWNI Committee Report – February, 2012

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Committee: Schools

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*Promoting the BEST possible schools  
for ALL children in Southwest Portland  
through STRONG neighborhood involvement.*

## Current Issues (selected): (more info at [swni.org/schools](http://swni.org/schools))

- **SUN programs at Jackson and Robert Gray are at risk of being cut.** The Gray program is county-funded, while Jackson's is funded by the Children's Investment Fund from the city. Word is that cuts, if any, will be to entire programs, not just partial reduction in funding. We are assembling information, preparing for a letter to be introduced at the March SWNI Board meeting in support of continuing these programs which are important to an area with relatively few support programs like SUN.
- **"State of Our Schools"** survey of principals is still coming in. Results next month
- **"Good Ideas" forum** is online at [http://swni.org/forums/swni\\_committees/schools](http://swni.org/forums/swni_committees/schools) to solicit creative ideas for school support. **Please pass the word at your NA meetings.** You have to log on to the SWNI website to share ideas. Schools matter, whether or not you have children in school ... they spend more than any Portland City bureau, and are a major factor in where families locate. As a city coalition, we can make a difference in our schools. (Thanks to Michael Reunert for this initiative)
- **Survey re school issues Call Will at 503-764-5501 to answer by phone** If you want a Schools Committee member to come to your NA meeting, please let Will know.

## No Action Items

## Announcements

- **Put the Schools Committee on your NA agenda** – A 10-minute presentation on the importance of schools to the neighborhood. Call Will at 503-764-5501 or email at [wwfuller@teleport.com](mailto:wwfuller@teleport.com)
- **Recruitment of committee members.** Please **designate a NA rep** to either come to meetings or act as liaison between the NA and the overall schools issues in the SWNI area. Still need reps for over half the NAs. **Don't have to have kids in school to serve– schools affect all of us, in our wallets, in our future and in the appeal of our neighborhoods.**

**Next meeting:** Thurs, March 15, 7PM at the SWNI office.