



Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

SWNI Schools Committee

Promoting the **best** possible schools
for **all** children in SW Portland
through **strong** neighborhood involvement

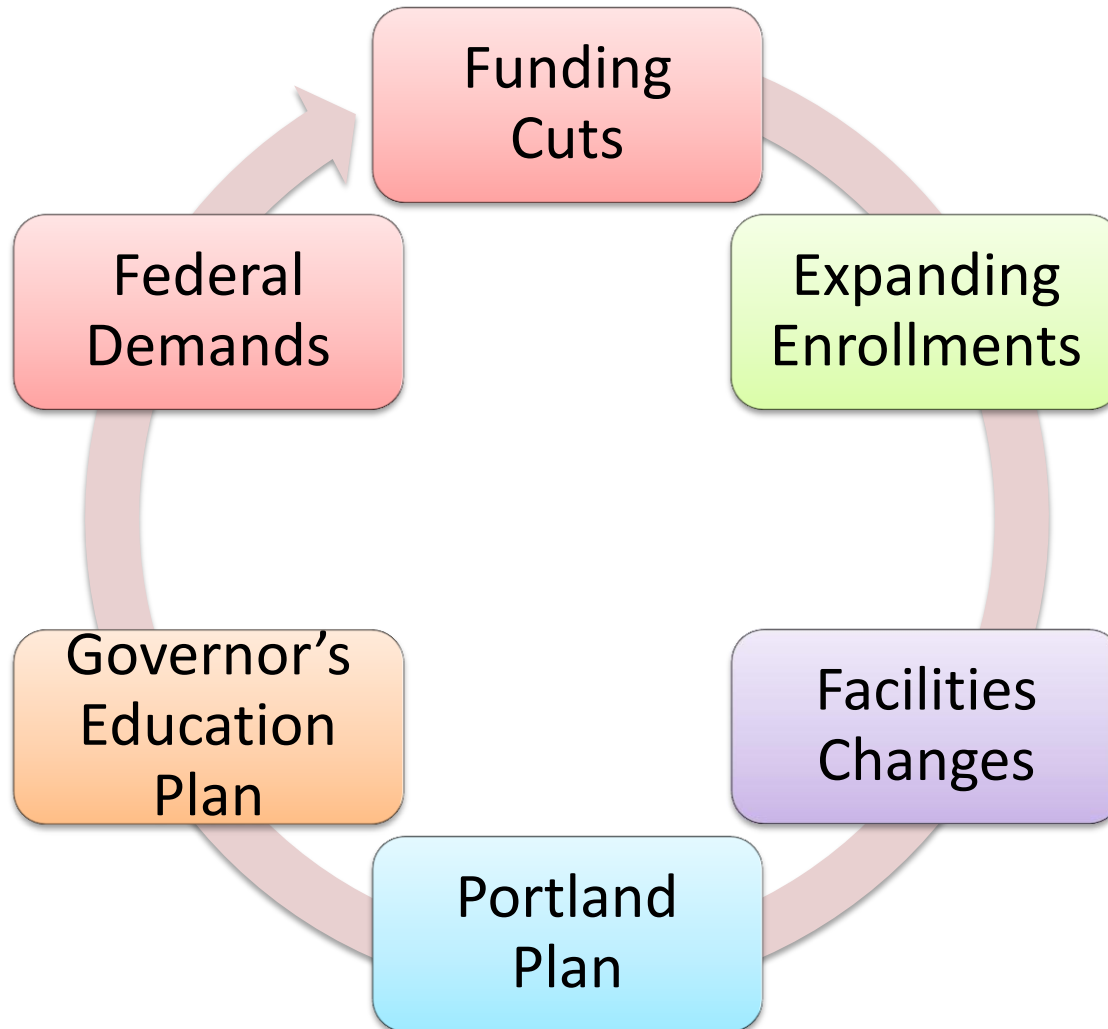
Schools are **Big** Business

- **28 K-12 schools** serve over **8,000** SWNI kids
 - **11 public inside SWNI**, including 1 charter school
 - **5 public outside SWNI** area serve SWNI kids
 - **12 religious and other** private schools
- If Portland Public Schools was a City Bureau it would be the **biggest bureau** in the city – **\$620 million/year** vs \$1.7 billion city budget

No Kids In School – Why Us?

- Our tax investment needs watching
- Our neighborhoods need stable young families
- Our schools center our neighborhoods
- Our future depends on those kids
- We have a *long-range* view
- **We are the 80%**

The Need Goes On



Schools **Action** Plan

Hot Topics

- Good Ideas forum to help schools
- State of Our Schools Survey

Communication

- Newsletter
- Website

Advocacy for better schools

Collaboration with other committees

What “I” Can Do



Inquire

Inspect

Inform

In their
face