

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.
DRAFT Schools Committee Action Plan 2016-17

SWNI empowers citizen action to improve and maintain the livability of southwest neighborhoods.
*Committee promoting the **best** schools for **all** students through **strong** neighborhood involvement*

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TOP PRIORITY

Grant project on Tech Equity for families . Activities in summer and fall.	Ongoing <u>Maripat</u>	Select schools	Active	Advocacy /Communication
SWNI-area school boundary changes -- Monitoring and reporting on implementation	Ongoing		Active	Advocacy
Multicultural Features in local schools: review & publicize status of school programs, plan SWNI events, raise community awareness & support of cultures in area schools.	New	SWNI	Active	Advocacy
Hunger in Schools – publicize, support programs like backpacks, SUN	Ongoing <u>Maripat</u>	Wilson students?	Active	Advocacy
Common Core State Standards, new tests and other changes to current education methods. Follow and review impact on SWNI-area schools, report to the community.	Ongoing		Active	Advocacy
Build connection with Wilson HS students as advisory group to the committee.	Ongoing		Active	Communication

OTHER or Background projects

80% for Education – Involve the 80+% who don't have school-age kids but who support education	Ongoing		Active	Capacity
NAs exempted from CUB fees	Ongoing	Public Safety	Active	Advocacy
Safer Routes to Schools – coord w. Trails, Transportation, Public Safety	Ongoing	Transportatn, Public Safety	Review w chairs	Advocacy, comm.
Support for at-risk kids in SW Portland	Ongoing		Active	Advocacy
Recruit committee members from all NAs – Focus on schools (See outreach list) Esp. PTA's, ASK	Ongoing	NA chairs	Active	Capacity
Arrange school visits for neighborhood residents along with sessions for community awareness of school system structure, testifying, getting info	Ongoing, Committee		As needed.	Communication

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Cross-city collaboration with NECN Schools Committee	Ongoing	NECN Schools Committee	As needed	Communication
Develop NA liaison “ambassadors” to schools to promote closer ties, keep awareness of common needs	Ongoing	NA’s	Fall 2011	Communication
News Letter: SWNI Schools Communicator Publicize successes in the schools, issues, comments. Quarterly publication	Ongoing		Active, quarterly	Communication
Promote school events at the neighborhood level (in the SW Neighborhood News) and neighborhood events to the schools (encourage partnership opportunities for community building events) Attend School events to promote SWNI	Ongoing Committee Reps		As needed	Communication
Use SWNI website to publicize, promote school/Neighborhood connections – Schools Page w. school activities, Agenda and Minutes, links to PPS websites for SWNI Schools, current issues	Ongoing Michael K.	Communications	Active	Communication

On Hold - Tracking

Review concerns about PPS surplus property policy changes. Work w. Land Use Committee	Held	Land Use	Check w LU chair	Advocacy
Encourage a good public process to dedicate open space to the City or Metro for ownership	Held	Parks	Check w Parks chair	Advocacy
Arrange school police visit to Schools Committee for forum on school safety, other areas, e.g. communications among schools. (Coord w Public Safety Committee)	Held	Public Safety	Check w Crime Prev char	Communication
Bullying – get neighborhood help	Held	Public Safety	On hold	Advocacy
Stable and adequate funding for public schools at state and local level	Held		Dormant	Advocacy