



Portrait of an Oak Park 8th Grade Graduate

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

November 14, 2023
D97 Board of Education Meeting



Board Feedback on Our Radar

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Portrait Update

November 2023

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**TIMELINE/FEEDBACK
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Preparing for the Portrait: Timeline Check-In





Portrait Timeline

October 2023

- ✓ Review digital toolkit
- ✓ Plan staff engagement
- ✓ Plan affinity-based listening sessions
- ✓ Provide community update

Winter 2023

- Begin community-wide engagement process to get feedback on the Portrait
- Begin data/feedback analysis

November 2023

- ✓ Hold staff design sessions
- ✓ Hold affinity-based listening sessions (Black families, multilingual, students with disabilities, elders)

Spring 2024

- Synthesize feedback through affinity group analysis
- Share draft Portrait of an 8th Grade Graduate with the Board and community

Ongoing updates during Board business meetings



Staff Design Sessions





Oct. 30 Design Session: Core Instruction



- Members of the D97 Core Instruction Team met to craft family-friendly definitions of our “Version 1” Portrait dimensions.
- Draft Version 1 dimensions and definitions were then used to generate conversation and feedback in our affinity-based listening sessions.



Nov. 10 Design Session with D97 Educators and Greater Good Studio



- A group of 30+ District 97 educators came together for a community engagement design session with Greater Good Studio.
- Our next step will be to develop a process plan for inclusive community engagement, rooted in human-centered design.

Affinity-Based Listening Sessions





Dreaming, Designing and Defining OUR Portrait:

Affinity Sessions in November 2023

- ✔ **Multilingual Families**
Tuesday, Nov. 7 - 6 p.m.
- ✔ **Families of Students with Disabilities**
Thursday, Nov. 9 - 6 p.m.
- ✔ **Black Families**
Monday, Nov. 13 - 6 p.m.
- ✔ **Oak Park Senior Citizens**
Wednesday, Nov. 15 - 12 p.m.
- ✔ **LGBTQ+ Families**
Tuesday, Nov. 28 - 6 p.m.



Affinity-Based Listening Sessions: What We Asked

Oak Park Elementary School District 97

PORTRAIT OF AN OAK PARK 8TH GRADE GRADUATE

Affinity-Based Input Sessions
Join us as we dream, define and design our Portrait of a Graduate!

SESSION FOR D97 FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Thursday, Nov. 9
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Details

- Childcare will be provided.
- Food will be served.
- RSVP: bit.ly/3SdXDLQ

What is a Portrait of a Graduate?

The Portrait, which will serve as the new D97 strategic plan, is a collective vision that our community has for its 8th grade graduates. This vision will be rooted in core competencies tied to learning standards and experiences that are critical to student success in college, career and beyond.

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RETRATO DE UN GRADUADO DE OCTAVO GRADO

sesión de aporte
Mientras soñamos, definimos Retrato de un Graduado!

SESIÓN PARA FAMILIAS MULTILINGÜES

martes 7 de noviembre
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Detalles

- Habrà cuidado de niños.
- Se servirá comida.
- Traducción estará disponible.
- Reserva: <http://bit.ly/4STfACo>

¿Qué es un Retrato de un Graduado?

El Retrato, que servirá como el nuevo plan estratégico del D97, es una visión colectiva que nuestra comunidad tiene para los graduados de octavo grado. Esta visión se basará en competencias básicas que conectan estándares y experiencias de aprendizaje fundamentales para el éxito de los estudiantes en la universidad, la carrera profesional y más allá.

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- What are your hopes and dreams for your child(ren)?

Based on our DRAFT Version 1 Portrait dimensions:

- When you think about your hopes and dreams for your child/children, which dimensions are most important?
- Which dimensions do you need to learn more about?
- What isn't here that matters to you?

Board Member Perspective



Next Steps





What's Next

Designing an inclusive community engagement plan for our Portrait

- ✔ Review and share feedback gathered from staff and affinity design sessions
- ✔ Design inclusive community engagement plan for Winter 2024
- ✔ Develop Portrait overview video
- ✔ Ongoing updates
 - School and district newsletters
 - Board meetings



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DISCUSSION

Questions

