

SPSD Middle Schools Presentation

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Two Goals:

1. To share ideas about the supports needed to prepare our students and staff for the grand opening of South Portland Middle School so we are ready to hit the ground running!
2. To share updates about our EL needs at the middle level

Part 1: South Portland Middle School

Our Hopes

For Students:

Our students will feel ready and excited to be a student at South Portland Middle School!



For Staff:

Our staff will be prepared and excited about the programming at South Portland Middle School



What needs to happen prior to the Fall of 2023?

- Students and staff need time and experiences to get to know each other and build shared understanding and community
- Staff need time to plan the curriculum, become familiar with any new school structures and student support systems
- Administrators need time to organize the work to make the merger happen

What will this cost?

1. PD on programming decisions (curriculum, advisory and SEL curriculum, professional learning communities training, etc): \$30k
2. PD on DEI: \$10k
3. Team building experiences for staff and students: \$15k
4. Classroom moves \$, per contract
5. Memorial "off campus" days, June 2023: \$5k

TOTAL ESTIMATE ~\$70k



Part 2: EL Supports at the Middle Schools

- We have welcomed 55 newcomers at Memorial since the beginning of the year
- We are expanding newcomer programming to Mahoney for the remainder of the year
- In order to do this effectively and sustain this model next year, we need adequate staffing to run programs at both schools.
- Class size: Adequate EL staffing will also allow IELD (beginning English) classes to maintain class size guidance
- Transportation is crucial to this plan: we need to fulfill transportation needs and positions to support our students equitably

Thank you!

