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Dear PPS community,

We know the recent heat has been a challenge for staff, students, and families. At Portland Public Schools, our priority is to make sure learning environments are as safe and comfortable as possible, especially during extreme weather.

To that end, we've launched a multi-faceted, district-wide heat mitigation plan that will keep our school buildings safe and comfortable both this week and during any future high-heat events.

The plan will also allow all of our schools to remain on a regular schedule this week. **Tomorrow (Tuesday, September 2) will be a normal school day.** We do not anticipate any weather-related alterations to any school days for the rest of the week. If that changes, you will hear from us.

**A note for kinder and PreK families: we are extremely excited to welcome our new kindergarteners tomorrow and our PreK students on Thursday!** This is the beginning of a wonderful journey for you and your students, and we are thrilled to be a part of it.

Here's what our heat mitigation plan includes:

- **Temporary Cooling Units:** Over the weekend, our Facilities and Maintenance teams successfully organized the delivery and installation of 15 large temporary AC units across our hottest schools. Thirteen of the units are already up and running, with the remaining two scheduled for completion this week.
  - The teams coordinated generators, evaporative fans, and water-based units to expand cooling capacity, ensuring classrooms are safer and more comfortable as students return.
- **Additional Air Movement:** We are deploying fans and portable swamp coolers to improve airflow and lower temperatures throughout school buildings.

- **Building Adjustments:** Our teams are working to maximize ventilation, including extending night purges and adjusting building systems to increase fresh air flow.
- **On-Site Support:** PPS maintenance crews and security staff are on site to ensure equipment is installed safely, runs reliably, and is protected.

A few more things to know about tomorrow: athletics will follow [OSAA guidelines](#) when making decisions about practices and activities, and partners running childcare programs will use their discretion regarding a possible early release.

Our new heat mitigation steps are high-impact, but temporary. Long-term, we remain committed to making our facilities more resilient to climate change by improving mechanical systems, investing in sustainable cooling solutions, and ensuring equity drives which schools are prioritized for upgrades.

These efforts are centered around supporting student learning and keeping schools welcoming, safe, and as comfortable as possible. We appreciate the patience of our students, staff, and families as we act quickly to respond to this week's heat.

Sincerely,  
The PPS Operations Team