



To the Amazing Families of Louisa Boren STEM PreK-8,

As many of you are aware, the district has announced a 2 option proposal to close or consolidate upwards of 20 schools next year, and our beloved STEM school is scheduled to close in both scenarios.

Our hearts are breaking for our whole community. We found out with you. Our amazing STEM staff found out with you. Three other schools in our district; our incredible West Seattle community; families at twenty other schools across Seattle– all found out with you. This year will be like no other. The reality is, it could be our last year- but we chose to FIGHT. We will not sit back and let SPS decide what is right for our families.

Your PTA is here to support our community– and we will need the WHOLE community to come together to prevent this devastating change. We need to fight for ALL of our Seattle children. They all have the right to a consistent place of education. To continue to learn in an environment families **choose** and in a community where everyone feels safe, supported and loved. Our staff deserve the choice to continue as educators in the community they have worked to build.

Our STEM community is not known for being told this is how it is. We decide what we want our education experiences to be for our students, staff and families. We break the molds, we fill the HUGE gaps in funding, we fight for more and to be seen, we thrive as a beautiful diverse and inclusive community that continuously supports each other, we work endlessly as a team to create the educational experiences WE want for our whole community. We have love and we have each other. Together we will continue to tell SPS we believe in an education system that works for EVERYONE and we will not go away quietly!

Our PTA will be a sounding board, a community connection, and an ongoing support to our incredible staff. We will ensure that our entire student body, families and staff have an amazing year. We will ensure students and staff receive all the resources needed to further their education and are prepared for whatever the future brings. We have one of the most dedicated groups of human beings in our (gently used building) working with less and bringing more every day for our children. We have created a community that has earned our place in this district, and we will not give it up without a fight!

We've put together a [resource action guide](#) and will continue to update stemk8pta.org often with how to stay involved. We encourage you to share this and all upcoming resources with your friends and neighbors and together we can all stand up



for what makes Louisa Boren STEM a special and needed institution in our community!

Please join us this evening to come together to celebrate and continue to build our outstanding community at Lincoln Park's north playground. It's now a pizza party! 5:30 -8 pm. See you there, families and let's save STEM together!

Please share this with anyone in our STEM community, as I only have access to PTA members, thank you.

With so much love and admiration,

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