Portrait of an Oak Park 8th Grade Graduate

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

March 19, 2024
D97 Board of Education Meeting

What's our big idea?

Meet the Portrait Design Team

March 2024

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Board Feedback on Our Radar

Here's what we heard during the February board meetings:

☐ We should consider how to reach families who may not feel a sense of belonging.

☐ We need to consider barriers for participating in Portrait events.

☐ Think about ongoing communication with the community about what the Portrait is and how the work is going to continue.

Previous feedback to address in future planning work:

☐ We need to make sure we are keeping people connected to Portrait throughout the year.

☐ Make sure we have evaluation points built in.

Portrait Update

DISTRICT 97 OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 2024

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

Community Engagement Update

Community Engagement Sessions: February and March 2024

Highlights

- District 97 has held 14 design/feedback sessions since Feb. 12, including:
  - Events at 8 schools
  - Three virtual sessions
  - A follow-up session with affinity groups @ Oak Park Public Library
  - A session for D97 alumni @ CRC
  - Listening session with PTO Council

- We have also had alternative feedback options/opportunities for those who cannot attend in person.
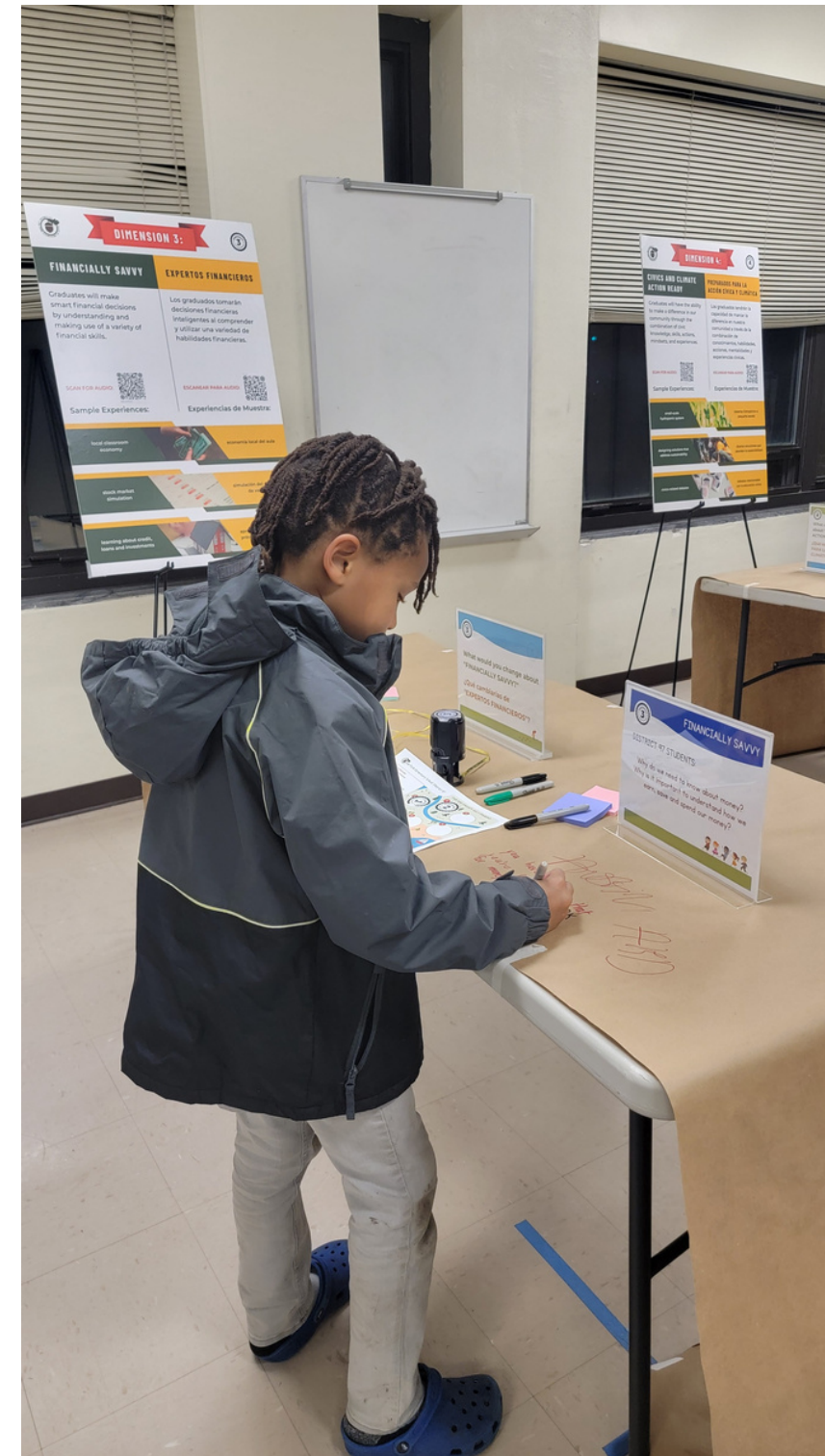

Hatch Elementary School
March 6, 2024

Designing a Process that Is Inclusive and Adaptive

We are engaging our community in a different way.

- Multiple pathways for feedback vs. limited opportunities (e.g., survey, one large community forum).
- More access - Spanish translations, audio recordings, Let's Talk.
- Sessions prioritize stakeholder experience and maximize time for authentic feedback/listening.

We are learning and improving our process in real time.

- We've adjusted communication strategies to increase awareness of the Portrait and our design sessions.
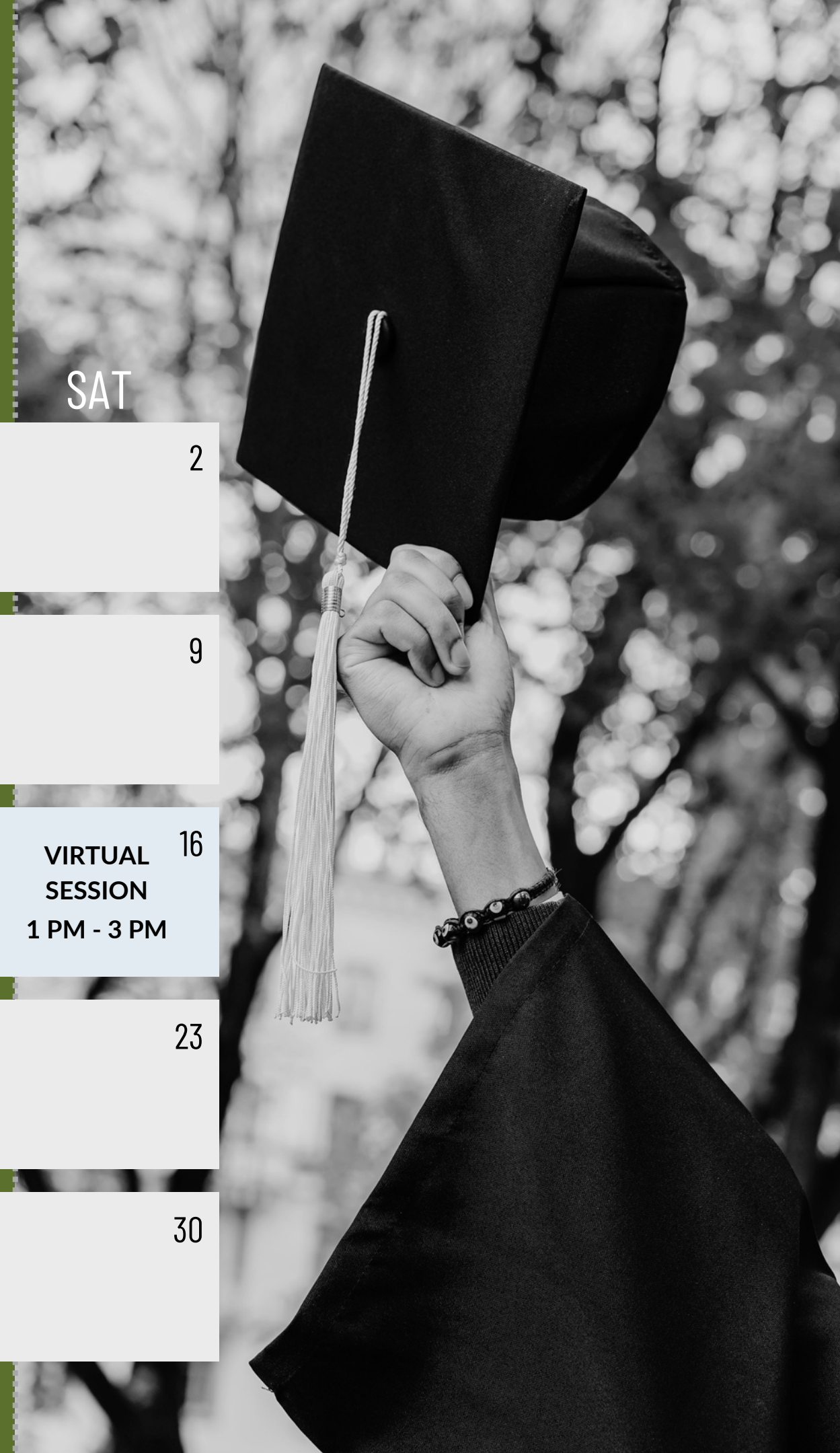- We've added kid-friendly questions to incorporate student feedback.

PORTRAIT OF AN OAK PARK 8TH GRADE GRADUATE ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

MARCH 2024

DISTRICT 97
OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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3	4	5 JULIAN SCHOOL COMMUNITY 6:30 PM - 8 PM	6 HATCH SCHOOL COMMUNITY 6:30 PM - 8 PM	7 VIRTUAL SESSION 7 PM - 9 PM	8	9
10	11	12 DISTRICT 97 ALUMNI 6:30 PM - 8 PM	13 WHITTIER SCHOOL COMMUNITY 6:30 PM - 8 PM	14	15	16 VIRTUAL SESSION 1 PM - 3 PM
17	18	19	20 HOLMES SCHOOL COMMUNITY 6:30 PM - 8 PM	21 BEYE SCHOOL COMMUNITY 6:30 PM - 8 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

VIDEO:
D97 Portrait Overview

District 97 - Portrait of an Oak Park 8th Grade Graduate

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Next Steps

What's Next

Designing an inclusive community engagement plan for our Portrait

- ☑ Finish Portrait design sessions before Spring Break

- ☑ Synthesize feedback from all sources and develop recommendations for Portrait, Version 3

- ☑ Bring recommendations to affinity groups for analysis before finalizing Version 3

- ☑ Ongoing updates
  - School and district newsletters
  - Board meetings

DISCUSSION

Questions