

## **Friends of Columbia School**

The mission of Friends of Columbia School (FoCS) is to inform, engage, and involve the community regarding the future use and development of Columbia School.

### The goals of FoCS are to:

- Work with the Seattle Public School District and Department of Neighborhoods to disseminate information to the community, and prepare for involvement in the School Use Advisory Committee process should the school be placed back on the closure list;
- Ensure public involvement at all critical stages, from initial design to ongoing property management;
- Consider options for economically-feasible uses of this site; and
- Involve as much of the community as possible regarding all potential developments and/or uses of the space.

### FoCS believes that:

- Columbia School has been in the public land trust since the 1920s, and this site should be developed for public purposes to the extend possible;
- The ethnic and economic diversity of Columbia City should be preserved and promoted when deciding on the future use of this site; and
- A fair and transparent process of deciding what to do with the site is paramount.

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