

I am writing to urge you to allocate funds from the state and from the American Rescue Plan to save the Portland Children's Museum. Museums, in general, are one of the finest aspects of shared community life, and children's museums provide a vital enrichment to growing up. The Portland Children's Museum is beloved by both children and parents, and has provided an ideal location for the innovative learning community, Opal School. To lose this treasure due to the pandemic is a huge blow, and an unacceptable loss. It's a sad day when we can't keep our museums going.

Please fund the Portland Children's Museum, a delightful place of fun and learning, and make it available for our children now and in the future.