

Parent Organizing Conversation - Guide

1. **INTRODUCE:** Hi my name is _____ and I am a # grade teacher at _____! Did you know that we currently don't have hard caps on classroom sizes in our schools? We are talking with as many parents as possible to talk about how we can change this and our public schools during contract negotiations.
2. **ISSUES:** Teachers like me are fighting for lower class sizes, expanded mental health support for students, and safe and secure learning environments. We deserve schools that work for students, parents and educators. **What are three improvements that you want to see in our schools?**
3. **VISION:** In order to win (STATE THEIR ISSUE) and more, we need to come together as parents and educators across the district-- there is power in numbers. The first step is showing the school district that we care about our schools and we are willing to speak up together.
4. **ASK**
 - a. **PETITION;** Can you sign our community petition to show your support for (THEIR ISSUE)?
 - b. **LISTENING SESSION:** Can you make time for one hour to join other parents, teachers, and students to share your issues and create a vision of the public schools we want in Portland? (SHARE EVENT DETAILS)
 - c. **JOIN A BARGAINING SESSION:** Are you interested in sharing your story at the bargaining table across from the School District or showing up to show your support?
5. **INOCULATION:** What do you think the school district will say when parents, teachers, and students unite to be sure our students are getting the best education possible?