



## Media Advisory

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**Who:** Tom Peterson, Chief Engineer, Port of Portland

**What:** Introducing students to engineering disciplines involved in importing goods.

**Where:** Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Ave., (503) 655-2544

**When:** Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

### **CELEBRATING NATIONAL ENGINEERS MONTH LOCALLY**

Discover the engineering disciplines involved in the importation of goods through air and marine channels in Portland. Learn how engineers work together to ensure the Port's facilities enhance the region's economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to regional, national and global markets.

Port of Portland's Chief Engineer Tom Peterson will demonstrate the route a pair of tennis shoes travels upon entering the Port of Portland, en route to a retail destination. Students will participate in a hands-on project utilizing team engineering for a deeper understanding of how engineering affects daily life and for a glimpse of career possibilities in engineering.

The Port of Portland is one of 12 partnering organizations working with the Business Education Compact (BEC) to celebrate National Engineers Month. The BEC and its partners will reach 20,000 kids in 600 classrooms around the Portland Metro area in February, to inspire Oregon's future workforce.

### **THE BUSINESS EDUCATION COMPACT**

For 21 years, the Business Education Compact (BEC), a non-profit organization, has been connecting the classroom and workplace with hands-on, innovative learning experiences for students and teachers; creating and leading working partnerships with business and education; and advocating for quality education.

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