



# **OREGON RURAL**

## **School Board Members Caucus**



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# Our Mission

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# Our Goals

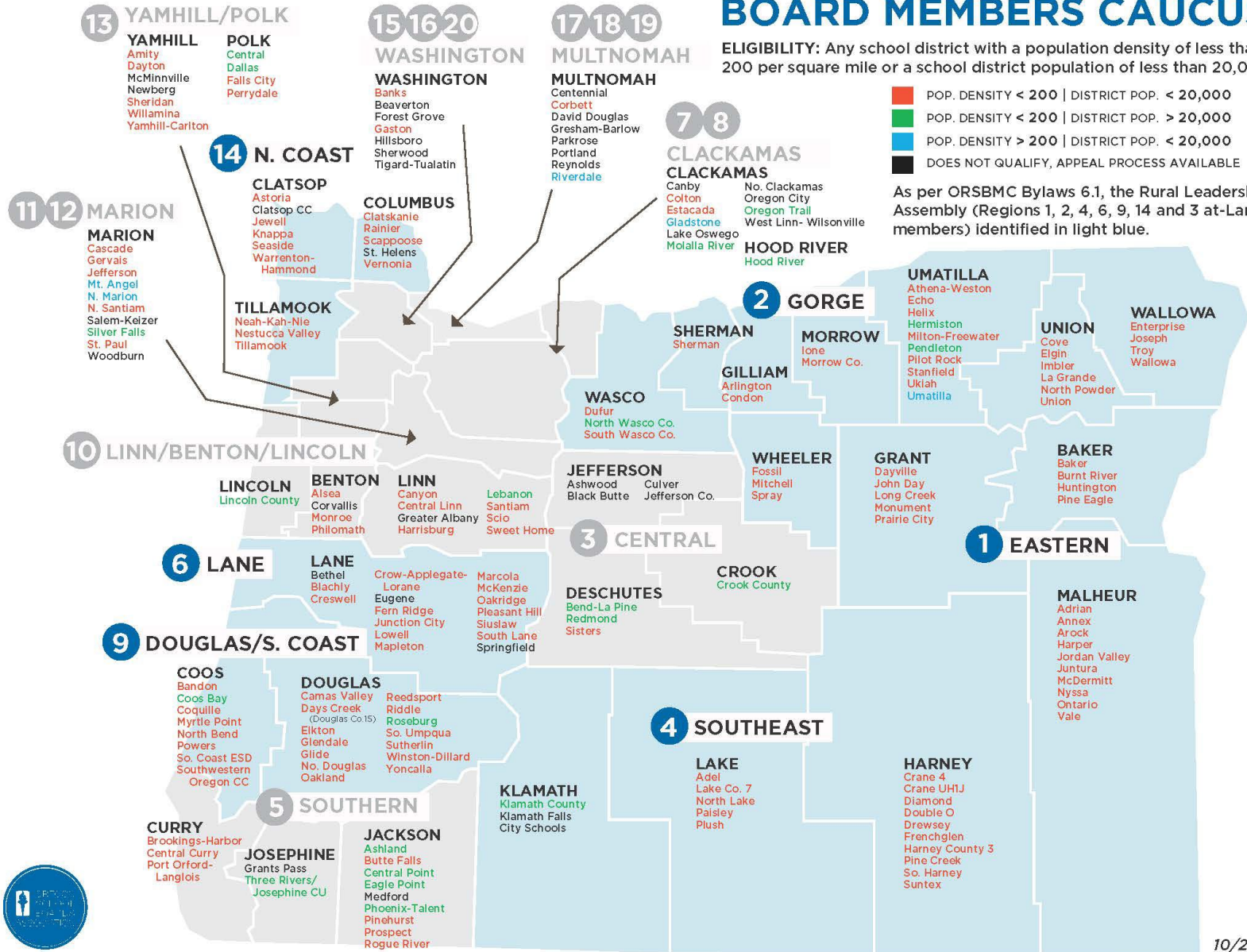
- To **elevate the voice of rural school districts** and recognize their unique needs.
- To build and maintain collaborative **relationships** between **OSBA** and **rural school boards**.
- To develop, promote, and advance **legislation supporting rural schools** and understand the impact of statewide legislation to each rural community and district.
- To build collaborative relationships and **promote quality education for** all students with emphasis on the unique needs of school boards and **students in rural communities**.
- To support school boards in rural communities by prioritizing **professional development of rural board** members and bringing training and other resources to rural areas.

# OREGON RURAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS CAUCUS

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any school district with a population density of less than 200 per square mile or a school district population of less than 20,000.

- POP. DENSITY < 200 | DISTRICT POP. < 20,000
- POP. DENSITY < 200 | DISTRICT POP. > 20,000
- POP. DENSITY > 200 | DISTRICT POP. > 20,000
- DOES NOT QUALIFY, APPEAL PROCESS AVAILABLE

As per ORSBMC Bylaws 6.1, the Rural Leadership Assembly (Regions 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 14 and 3 at-Large members) identified in light blue.



## The Leadership Assembly

Is made up of nine members:

One from each OSBA Region with 10 or more rural districts

(Regions 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, & 14)

and

3 At-Large Members





# Board Training Scholarships

We did both Spring and Fall Scholarships for Board Training.

13 Rural Oregon School Boards benefited from this program.

## 2024 Spring Recipients

Grant School District #3 (Region 1)  
Enterprise School District #21 (Region 1)  
Jefferson 14J School District (Region 3)  
Lake County School District #7 (Region 4)  
Pinehurst School District #94 (Region 5)

## 2024 Fall Recipients

Mitchell School District (Region 1)  
Nyssa School District (Region 1)  
Ukiah School District (Region 2)  
Rogue River School District (Region 5)  
Lowell School District (Region 6)  
Fern Ridge School District (Region 6)  
North Bend School District (Region 9)  
Silver Falls School District (Regions 11/12)

# 2024 Convention Scholarships



## Summer Conference Scholarships

Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst  
Tim Fain, Dufur



## Annual Convention Scholarships

Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst  
Tim Fain, Dufur  
Merle Stutzman, North Marion  
Leah Fredericks, Corbett  
Mysti Jacob, Rogue River



# Rural District Stories



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2024 Annual Convention  
Rural Caucus Workshop  
Report to the OSBA Board  
November 2024



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### **Who We Are:**

**R**esourceful

**U**nderrepresented

**R**esilient

**A**lliance of

**L**ocal Governance

**Rural School Districts and School Board Members have different experiences from counterparts in more populated communities. Here are some high level reasons why:**

- Community vibrancy connected to the land/sea (logging, farming, ranching, fishing)
- Generational poverty or wealth
- We often have to travel long distances for services and athletics
- We know each others stories and histories
- No anonymity: we are deeply connected to our communities
- Our schools the heart of our communities.

When things are good, it gives everyone in the community a place to cheer for success; and when things are challenging, it affects the attitude of the whole town.



