

WELCOME TO THE 2024

OSBA LEGISLATIVE ROADSHOW



SEPT. 30-NOV. 7

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- OSBA Updates
- Looking to the 2025 Legislative Session
- Creating Networks for Advocacy

We're glad you're here!

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Welcome to OSBA'S Legislative Roadshow!

These fall regional meetings bring the excitement of new beginnings and the security of the education expertise and service you have come to expect from OSBA. With schools facing difficult budget times and an approaching 2025 legislative session that could drastically alter school funding, the fall meetings are the perfect time to engage with your education advocates and join forces with board members in your area.

OSBA understands the pressures you're facing: the end of federal emergency money, inflation outpacing funding and staffing challenges while student needs are more intense than longtime educators have ever seen. But there is light on the horizon. Negotiations in recent months have laid the groundwork for a State School Fund that more accurately reflects the costs of improving Oregon's education system. OSBA wants to hear from you so we can build on these successes.

Emielle Nischik has freshly been named OSBA executive director, and new OSBA faces are mixing with experienced hands. This is your opportunity to speak directly to OSBA's leaders and legislative team, to ask questions and hear about the work ahead. We are building connections. Working together we have greater capacity to advocate with state legislators and policymakers to get the resources that schools need to serve each student.

Tell us how to serve you better because we are all in for Oregon's students.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sami Al-Abdrabbuh".

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY

Don't wait until an important bill is in your legislator's committee or on the floor to develop contacts. Start early. As President Lyndon Johnson said, "Make friends before you need them."
Knowing legislators and their staff personally is the first step to being heard.

Attend an event sponsored by your legislator. Don't miss the chance to visit with your legislators in your district at town hall meetings or other events.

**FIND MORE INFO ON BECOMING A BETTER ADVOCATE
ON OSBA'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY WEBPAGE.**

osba.org/legislative-services/advocacy-101-and-state-resources

We can't *do this* without you!

The Oregon School Boards Association and over 550,000 students are counting on education leaders to secure adequate funding for Oregon public schools in 2025. Grassroots advocacy is an essential element to a successful 2025 legislative session. OSBA depends on school board leaders to leverage their relationships, on-the-ground knowledge, and leadership experience to tell the story of Oregon schools and why they need a greater investment and to do the work to make it happen.

Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) members play an invaluable role in this process by building relationships with the legislators that represent their LPC region, serving as a resource for the OSBA members within the LPC region, and lending an effective voice in public policy that impacts education.

The LPC members report to and represent the member boards in their respective LPC region, serving as the conduit for this grassroots effort.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGION'S LPC REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!

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THREE PRIORITIES



FUNDING 2025 will be a decisive year for education funding in Oregon. With the loss of federal emergency funds, rising costs, workforce challenges and increasing student needs, our schools are struggling. Each year schools are asked to do more with less, and it's time for Oregon to commit to funding an education system we want to have — the kind of high-quality education that will support student academic recovery from the pandemic and propel them to a better future. That means adequate funding for the State School Fund, special education, summer learning and after-school programming, early literacy initiatives and school facilities.



ACCOUNTABILITY Oregon invests billions of dollars in its public school system, and there is no question that our public schools should be held to high standards and accountable for student achievement. We must ensure those standards meet the needs of folks who work in our schools and protect the local decision-making we pride ourselves on. Anything that is mandated by the state needs to be properly resourced. There are no one-size-fits-all policies in Oregon, especially across 197 districts.



ADDRESSING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM Absenteeism rates have more than doubled since 2019. In 2025, Oregon must address chronic absenteeism and its causes. Each student in Oregon has a different attendance story, but we can all agree that students must be in school to learn and get the support they need. Teachers cannot effectively do their jobs if they are struggling to make up lost learning when a student misses more than 10 days a year.

UPCOMING EVENTS



NOV. 7-9, 2024
OSBA Annual Convention
Portland | www.osba.org



DEC. 4-6, 2024
Oregon School Law Conference
Eugene | www.cosa.k12.or.us



**ELECTIONS FOR OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AND RESOLUTIONS:**
Oct. 15 Ballots available | Nov. 15 Voting opens | Dec. 15 Voting closes

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