Engage
We will create an ongoing dialogue around educational excellence in Oregon. We will be intentional about reaching out to all communities, especially those who have historically not been part of the conversation.

Accelerate
We will create a unified education system, "connecting the dots" of student experiences so that the most important student outcomes are achieved, key transitions are focal points, and barriers blocking the pathway to degrees and meaningful jobs are removed.

Advocate
We will work with legislators to fund the things that matter by looking at every dollar spent on Oregon education, and to ensure that funds are going to the things that make the most difference for students. We will target investments that expand opportunities for historically under-served students.

A Note From The Governor
If, as I believe, it is the promise of equal opportunity that lies at the heart of the American Dream – the promise of upward mobility; the promise that if you work hard you can build a better life for yourself and our family, that promise that each subsequent generation will be better off than the last one – then public education is the vehicle through which the American Dream is most directly fulfilled today.

Oregon is on the right track. We are implementing reforms to ensure better results for students, provide more resources for teachers, and prepare Oregonians for the economy of the 21st century. With the OEIB, we now have a proactive plan to enhance the teaching and learning in public education from birth to college and career. The OEIB is committed to eliminating barriers to student progress and to closing the historically uneven opportunities and to increasing all levels of educational attainment and postsecondary attainment for all Oregonians.

With the leadership of the OEIB – and by working together with educators, local communities, parents and youth – I believe we can deliver for Oregon’s children, for Oregon’s economy, and for Oregon’s future.

On behalf of Oregon students, we will:

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Because every Oregon student deserves a high quality education.
Because education should be a priority for all of us statewide.
Because our economy grows when we have an educated and trained workforce.
Because Oregon should be rated at the top of the education, not the bottom.
Because the jobs of tomorrow require new skills.

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To create a promising future for Oregon, we must invest in a high quality education for each of our students. We are the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB), a state policy and investment board appointed by the governor and led by the Chief Education Officer.
Our current education system is not designed to support all students. Without intentional strategies to ensure each student is thriving, the future viability of Oregon is at risk. 35% of students in the state are from communities of color, are immigrants or English Language Learners. These students must often not have access to resources and support services to ensure they are prepared to start school, and often remain behind their peers throughout the course of their education. This group of students is expected to grow significantly in the coming decades.

The future prosperity of our state depends on our ability to build a system that focuses on supporting each student, early, and throughout their education.

We're focused on recommending investments in and alternating learners towards attaining the following:

1. More children ready for school.

 Oregon’s best opportunity for success is to start from birth to prepare each child to learn the moment they enter school. When children come to school with a command of important skills they are much more successful as they begin school. Being a confident reader is critical to school success. If a student is reading at or above grade level by 3rd grade, they are more likely to be able to read to learn, more likely to enjoy and succeed in school, and significantly more likely to graduate from high school.

2. More 3rd graders read at or above grade level.

3. More 9th graders finish on track with credits and strong attendance records.

4. High school graduation and college completion rates increase.

5. More Oregonians earn degrees and certificates that lead to rewarding jobs.

To revitalize Oregon’s economy, the workforce needs higher levels of knowledge and skills than ever before. We must ensure that a variety of career training, community college and four-year options are available for more students, and that the number of students who persevere through to a certificate or degree increases.

OEIB’s vision is to build a unified public education system in Oregon that supports the learning needs of each student and provides boundless opportunities that support success. By doing so, we ensure 100% high school graduation by 2025 and that Oregon students are college and career ready. Specifically, we believe that by 2025 we can reach the state’s 40-40-20 goals:

- 40% completing 2-year degree
- 40% completing 4-year degree
- 20% career-ready (high school diploma or equivalent)

It’s bold. It’s ambitious. It’s possible.