



2025 OSBA FALL REGIONAL *Meetings*

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- OSBA Updates
- State and Federal Policy Updates
- Creating Networks for Advocacy

We're glad you're here!

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Welcome to OSBA'S Fall Regional!

With the education world facing so much turmoil, I'm grateful to OSBA for drawing together a community of people who truly care about students. The OSBA Fall Regional Meetings are an excellent opportunity to not only learn about the latest policy developments but to also connect with an organization that offers so much support, information and advocacy for school boards.

In a state as large and diverse as Oregon, it requires extra effort, though, to create community. OSBA leaders and staff members travel the miles and cross the mountains to come to our communities. For school board members and superintendents, the Fall Regionals are a chance to connect with neighboring districts who may share concerns and challenges and to meet in person some of the OSBA staff who can help.

Fall Regionals are a taste of the support that comes with being part of the OSBA community. OSBA provides timely and accurate communications on the latest federal and state education developments as well as offering crucial board training, detailed policy support and expert legal advice. Fall Regionals focus heavily on legislative action because not only is OSBA a strong voice in the Capitol, it also helps local board members be heard in the Legislature.

This is your opportunity to speak directly to OSBA's leaders and legislative team, to ask questions and to hear about the work ahead. Working together we have greater capacity to get the resources that schools need to serve each student.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Cronin".

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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 more than a half-million students are counting on education leaders to secure a brighter future for Oregon. Grassroots advocacy is an essential element to creating successful policies in Salem.

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 local decision-making and adequate resources to do the work to make it happen.

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

The LPC members report to and represent their member boards, serving as information conduits. The LPC members elected this year will be helping guide OSBA legislative work through the 2027 long session.

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OSBA has been helping locally elected volunteer school board members fulfill their complex public education roles since 1946. **We're here for you!**

BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OSBA has always prepared new board members for board service and helped experienced board members become more effective in their roles as elected officials. Board members need to know public meetings law, parliamentary procedure, teamwork, budgeting, policymaking, ethics laws, public engagement, public relations and many more skills to function efficiently. We help boards:

- Deepen their understanding of school board member roles
- Become more effective at advocating for public education
- Access trainings in ways that fit their busy schedule

CHARTER AUTHORIZER SERVICES With years of experience in charter school authorizing and specific expertise in charter school operations, oversight and processes such as application, renewal, annual evaluation and closure/termination, OSBA staff can help with charter requirements. We also provide training and professional development to school boards in their roles as charter school authorizers.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES The OSBA communication services team delivers the news that matters to Oregonians and helps schools deal with the media. When a crisis strikes a board's school, OSBA's team can help craft a message and handle internal and external communications.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES OSBA can expertly guide boards through the process of hiring a superintendent or president, relieving stress associated with conducting an executive search. We ensure that boards find a leader with the qualities the board, the board's community and staff seek.

LEGAL SERVICES Whether boards need quick legal advice or long-term guidance, boards can rely on the OSBA Legal Services team to assist, represent and guide them. pacelegal@osba.org

LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY SERVICES OSBA lobbies on behalf of our members at the state Legislature, state agencies and at the local and federal level. We develop and maintain strong relationships with the governor, legislators, advocacy groups, education agencies and Oregon's congressional delegation. OSBA's primary legislative goal is to be the collective voice for all Oregon public school boards.

POLICY SERVICES We provide policy drafting and maintenance to help members meet requirements and other policy needs. Our services include rewrite services to help get boards' policies up to date and ongoing subscriptions to keep them there.

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COVERAGE FOR EDUCATION (PACE) OSBA and the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) formed PACE in 2006. By working together and pooling resources across the state, we help keep Oregon students safe, reduce risks and conserve member resources. PACE offers a variety of free trainings and resources. pace.osba.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 6-8, 2025

OSBA Annual Convention
Portland | www.osba.org

DEC. 3-5, 2025

Oregon School Law Conference
Eugene | www.cosa.k12.or.us

FEB. 6, 2026

Bonds, Ballots and Building Conference
Salem | www.osba.org

APRIL 23, 2026

PACE Day
Sunriver | www.pace.osba.org

JULY 10, 2026

Summer School Sessions
Redmond | www.osba.org

JULY 16, 2026

Summer School Sessions
Eugene | www.osba.org

Elections for OSBA Board of Directors, Legislative Policy Committee and Resolutions:

- **OCT. 15**
Ballots available and Voting opens
- **DEC. 15**
Voting closes

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