

OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

2026 FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- OSBA Updates
- State and Federal Policy Updates
- Roundtable Networking Session

We're glad you're here!

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Welcome to OSBA'S Fall Regional!

With the education world facing so much scrutiny, I'm thankful for the guidance of OSBA's experts. The OSBA Fall Regional Meetings are the ideal chance to get to know OSBA staff so when you need help, you're not reaching out to strangers.

We have a lot to talk about. New state accountability rules are taking hold while we are looking at rapid federal changes and a chance in the 2027 legislative session to really address Oregon public education funding. OSBA has been digging deep into its governance structures to examine purpose and possibilities to better serve members. OSBA leaders will tell you what is happening now and what to expect next.

The OSBA Fall Regional Meetings are an excellent opportunity to connect with an organization that offers so much support, information and advocacy for school boards and to get to know superintendents and school board members in your region, building a network of peers.

Fall Regionals are a taste of the benefits that come with being part of the OSBA community. OSBA provides timely and accurate communications on the latest education developments as well as offers crucial board training, detailed policy support and expert legal advice. Fall Regionals focus heavily on legislative action because OSBA is a strong voice in the Capitol, helping local board members be heard.

This is your opportunity to speak directly to OSBA's leaders and legislative team, to ask questions and to hear about the work ahead. It will take all of us in the year ahead to protect our students while improving the education system for everyone.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY

As locally elected officials, school board members are uniquely positioned to be school district champions.

Your advocacy begins well before the session. Start by getting informed on the issues in your school community and making sure your board and superintendent are aligned on your priorities. Next, connect with your legislators early and often, through email, phone calls, signing up for their newsletters, attending their events, or scheduling in-person meetings. To find out who represents you, go to oregonlegislature.gov and look for the box in the lower right corner labeled "Find Your District and Legislators."

If you have any other questions, or are curious about additional advocacy resources, reach out to Lesley Rivers, OSBA's government relations and member engagement specialist, at lrivers@osba.org.

We can't do this without you!

OSBA 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 in 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.

OSBA Board members serve a dual role for the association. They provide governance and strategic leadership for OSBA's long-term success, but they also are education advocates as members of the Legislative Policy Committee.

The LPC, made up of the Board and separately elected regional representatives, provides guidance to OSBA's legislative work and a collective voice for K-12 public education advocacy. LPC members are essential information conduits between OSBA and their regions.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGION'S LPC REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!

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CELEBRATING 1946 80 2026 YEARS
OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

OSBA, founded in 1946, is honoring 80 years of shared commitment to Oregon's students — listening, learning and leading together with our school board members. We're here for you!

BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OSBA prepares new board members for board service and helps experienced board members become more effective through training and facilitation, topical webinars, conferences, and personalized support programs such as Level Up: Boardsmanship for Beginners and the Board Chair Café. OSBA also strengthens the board team through its administrative professionals support and Admin Pros Café. We help boards:

- Deepen their understanding of how boards impact student outcomes
- Develop and monitor strategic priorities
- Develop processes and tools for executive evaluations, operating agreements and communication protocols

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 is developing a self-directed executive search program to help boards lead their own search process with greater local control at a significantly lower cost than a traditional facilitated search. This will be available in the 2026-27 school year. Contact Kristen Miles (kmiles@osba.org) to learn more.

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 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. 12-14, 2026
OSBA Annual Convention
Portland | www.osba.org

DEC. 2-4, 2026
Oregon School Law Conference
Eugene | www.cosa.k12.or.us

MARCH 12, 2027
Bonds, Ballots and Buildings Conference
Salem | www.osba.org

MARCH 18, 2027
Advocacy Day
Salem | www.osba.org

APRIL 22, 2027
PACE Day
Sunriver | www.pace.osba.org

ELECTIONS

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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