

Board of Directors Meeting  
School District 4J, Lane County  
Parr Room at 4J Ed Center  
200 North Monroe Street  
Eugene, Oregon 97402  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

**12:30 PM**  
**Board Legislative Committee Meeting**

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call**
  
- II. **Item for Information**
  - 1. Review Final Draft of Legislative Priorities for Board Approval  
Presenter: Judy Newman, Board Legislative Committee Chair
  - 2. Meetings with Employee Groups to Share and Discuss Legislative Priorities  
Presenter: Judy Newman, Board Legislative Committee Chair
  - 3. Board Legislative Committee Breakfast Planning Discussion 2  
Presenter: Judy Newman, Board Legislative Committee Chair
  
- III. **Adjourn**

**INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING:**

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**Eugene School. District 4J School Board  
Legislative Priorities 2025**

**Adequate and Stable Funding:** Increase and stabilize state school funding for K-12 so it adequately reflects what is needed to provide a well rounded quality education to all students.

Follow the recommendations from the Governor’s K-12 Funding Group.

Ensure adequate funding for after school and summer learning and it is timely, consistent and predictable.

Support a highly qualified and diverse workforce in our K-12 schools.

Include infrastructure funding for construction and maintenance of school buildings

Ensure special education is adequately funded .

Increase the cap on special education students from 11% to 17%.

Continue and expand the Early Literacy funding.

Continue and expand funding safe routes to school and transportation services.

**Ensure that all students are emotionally and physically healthy and safe** in school through state level guidance, policies and funding

Strengthen and expand partnerships and increase funding to:

Increase the number of student health centers;

Increase mental health supports;

Meet the basic needs of students such as: food, shelter, clothing

Increase the number of school nurses

Create state level solutions to address social media threats, swatting, bomb threats etc. to ensure efficient and effective responses.

**Prohibit enacting unfunded mandates and ensure there is accountability and oversight for grant funds:**

Require an analysis of costs and funding mechanism for any new legislation an prohibit the enactment of new or expanded requirements without funding to ensure they can be implemented

Ensure that expectations for state grants are clearly stated and that there are established required mechanisms for accountability and oversight.

### **Environment and Climate Change**

Establish resources and guidance that allow districts to reduce their carbon footprint (HVAC retrofiting, green new construction, electric buses, green general practices).

Provide guidance that help our districts to better prepare for the crisis of human caused climate change.

### **Other education related issues:**

Create a state panel to find out the true obstacles in recruiting and retaining a strong, diverse workforce and to make recommendations for improvements.

Permit school boards to enact the board member stipends already approved by the legislature.

Work on long term solutions that will reduce standardized testing requirements.

### **Other related issues that directly support students and families to be ready to learn:**

Gun safety and control legislation that will help increase the safety of our students, staff, and communities so that our students have fewer disruptions and are safer.

Increase housing supplies so that staff can afford to live in the communities where they work and students and their families aren't forced to move multiple times and disrupt their education and lives.

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