

Board of Directors Meeting
School District 4J, Lane County
Ed Center Auditorium
200 North Monroe Street
Eugene, Oregon 97402
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

8:00 AM
Legislative Breakfast

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Items for Information**
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- III. **Adjourn**

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**Eugene 4J Board of Directors
Legislative Breakfast Agenda
For the 2025 Legislative Session**

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

*Coffee Available 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Breakfast Buffet 8:00-9:30 a.m. for all Guests*

8:10 Welcome & Introductions

- Eugene SD 4J Board Chair Jenny Jonak
- Eugene SD 4J Interim Superintendent Colt Gill

8:20 Purpose of the Breakfast and Agenda & Process Overview

- Eugene SD 4J Board Director & Legislative Committee Facilitator Judy Newman

8:25 Legislative Related Priorities & Goals

- Each legislator shares thoughts about their goals and priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session and the committees they are on (3 minutes each).

8:45

- Each 4J Board Director shares their identified priorities for this session.
- Legislators respond with follow-up questions or comments (approximately 3 minutes each).

9:05 Speaker of the House Julie Fahey

- Speaker of the House Julie Fahey shares plans for Oregon to prepare for the new national leadership and administration.
- Discussion.

9:15 Conversation

- Legislators, 4J Student Board Representatives and breakfast participants exchange questions, thoughts and ideas.

9:30 Closing & Acknowledgements

- Eugene SD 4J Board Chair Jenny Jonak



Eugene School District 4J Board of Directors Legislative Priorities 2025

1. **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 that 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 or remove the 11% cap on special education students.
 - Continue and expand the Early Literacy funding.
 - Continue and expand funding Safe Routes to School and transportation services.

2. **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.

- 3. Prohibit enacting unfunded mandates and ensure there is accountability and oversight for grant funds:**
- Require an analysis of costs and funding mechanisms for any new legislation and 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.
- 4. Environment and Climate Change:**
- Establish resources and guidance that allow districts to reduce their carbon footprint such as: HVAC retrofitting, green new construction, electric buses, green general practices, etc.
 - Provide guidance that help our districts to better prepare for the crisis of human-caused climate change.
- 5. Other K-12 education related issues:**
- Create a state panel to identify 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 to help remove barriers to serving on the school board.
 - Work on long-term solutions that will reduce standardized testing requirements.
- 6. 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 supply 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.
 - Align early learning and K-12 systems with the support of comprehensive community services and supports including free, high quality, publicly funded preschool available to all children.

Approved by 4J Board of Directors 10/23/2024