Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2026 7:00 PM
Umatilla School District, 1001 6th St, Umatilla, OR 97882

A.	**Call Meeting to Order**	
B.	**Public Input**	
C.	**Presentations**	
C.1.	Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee	**Speaker(s):** Nevaeh Gutierrez, Avery Wagoner
C.2.	Retirement Recognition	
C.3.	UHS Girls Soccer Team	
D.	**Approve Agenda**	
E.	**Action Items**	
E.1.	Consent Agenda: Minutes for October 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, HR Report, Supervisory Staff and Board Member Declared Conflicts of Interest, Disbursements and Financial Statements	
F.	**Discussions**	
F.1.	Facilities Update	
F.2.	OSBA Election	
F.3.	Governor's Data Center Permit Pause and Impact to the School District	
G.	**Other/Board Discussions**	
H.	**Staff Recognition**	
I.	**Correspondence**	
I.1.	USD Nutrition Newsletter: Tasty Times	
I.2.	OSFMA Newsletter Feature	
I.3.	AASA School Administrator Magazine - November 2026 Article	
J.	**Reports**	
J.1.	McNary Heights Elementary School – Nicole Coyle, Megan Lorence	
J.2.	Columbia Vista Intermediate School - Tim Young; Kara Church	
J.3.	Clara Brownell Middle School – Rick Cotterell, Anthony Brown	
J.4.	Umatilla High School – Rick Cotterell, Oscar Contreras, Dan Durfey	

J.5. Maintenance - Vinny Stefani

J.6. District – Heidi Sipe, Kim Gilsdorf, Josy Chavez, Stephanie Williams-Strege, David Lougee, Rikkilynn Starliper, Maria Sanchez, Pat Kerrigan, Chevelle Williams, UEA Report

J.7. IMESD Board Talking Points

K. **Public Input**

L. **Adjourn**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8th, 2026 7:00 PM Pacific

Umatilla School District
1001 6th St.
Umatilla, OR 97882

BOARD MEMBERS:	**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM:**
Lesly Claustro-Sanguino	Heidi Sipe, Superintendent
Toby Cranston	Erick Olson, Board/Superintendent Secretary
Travis Eynon	Kara Church, CVI Vice Principal
Josiah Barron	Kim Gilsdorf, Business Manager
Steve Warr	Nicole Coyle, MHES Principal
Jorge Meza (excused)	Anthony Brown, CBMS Vice Principal
Jon Lorence	Rick Cotterell, UHS/CBMS Principal
BOARD ADVISORS:	Megan Lorence, MHES Vice Principal
Jazmin Martinez	Rikkilynn Starliper, Food Services Director
Veronica Gutierrez	Christie Livingston, Mid-Columbia Bus Company (online)
	Pat Kerrigan, IMESD Technology
	Tim Young, CVI Principal
	Vinny Stefani, District Maintenance

Board Members Present: 6:7

MINUTES

A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. **PUBLIC INPUT:**
No public input at this time.

C. **PRESENTATIONS:**
Spirit Week Surprise Video from CVI

D. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
No changes to the agenda.

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Jon Lorence to approve the agenda as presented.
- **Second:** by Board Member Toby Cranston.
  Board Member Barron- Yea
  Board Member Warr- Yea
  Board Member Cranston- Yea
  Board Member Eynon- Yea
  Board Member Lorence- Yea
  Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
  Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E. **ACTION ITEMS:**

E.1 Consent Agenda:
Minutes for the September Regular Board Meeting, HR Report, Supervisory Staff and Board Member Declared Conflicts of Interest, Disbursements and Financial Statements.

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Jon Lorence to consent to the Minutes for the September Regular Board Meeting, HR Report, Supervisory Staff, and Disbursements, and Financial Statements.
- **Second:** by Board Member Steve Warr.
  Board Member Barron- Yea
  Board Member Warr- Yea

Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Eynon- Yea
Board Member Lorence- Yea
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E.2 Division 22 Compliance

The district has one "no": The District will report non-compliance for Health Curriculum adoption. The District secured ODE approved postponement of the adoption. Superintendent Sipe reports they are monitoring federal legislation and will act after there is no longer concerned there is a conflict.

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Steve Warr
- **Second:** by Board Member Josiah Barron
  Board Member Barron- Yea
  Board Member Warr- Yea
  Board Member Cranston- Yea
  Board Member Eynon- Yea
  Board Member Lorence- Yea
  Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea

  Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

F. DISCUSSIONS:

F.1 Facilities Update

Pacific Power will inspect solar in mid-November and the CVI meter goes live. That is official completion of bond projects, ahead of schedule and under budget. In November the board will get an administration wishlist for new projects to consider.

G. OTHER/BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

Board Member Josiah Barron - Trick and treat on 6th street promotion on the Umatilla Chamber page. Starts at 4:30 p.m. October 23. The School District will be the Magic School Bus.

Board Member Toby Cranston - Saturday, October 10 is the Hall of Fame at 4 p.m. at the high school.

Board Chair Lesly Claustro=Sanguino - Kudos to Homecoming organizers who went the extra mile.

H. STAFF RECOGNITIONS:

Congratulations to **Morgan Hernandez**, CVI PE teacher on her nomination for Oregon PE Teacher of the Year. Thank you **Jesse and Michele** for facilitating WalMart Donations of Halloween Costumes. Thank you **Briana Reyes** for making a difference in students' lives and helping keep (4) families housed. Thank you **State Rep Greg Smith** for visiting our schools and seeing success and challenges. Thank you **Frank Monahan** for the homecoming public address. **Sarah Blake**- Thank you for all the support you give to staff, students, and families. Your help with developing and assisting with school wide goals (attendance, REP, relationship audits) is truly appreciated! **Christine Estrella**- Thank you for going above and beyond for your students and staff. Your impact on school culture is very noticeable and appreciated! **The Bennett's/Legacy Foundation founders Brian and Debby Bennett** for their book donation to the 3rd graders **Pierre Ford** for the sweet rides for the homecoming court. **Umatilla Rural Fire** for their presentations to the students for Fire Prevention week. **Caden and Kyle Sipe,** as well as **Dave Trott,** for delivering our homecoming court to the football field in style, as well as **Dan Durfey** for being our eye in the sky..**Alexandra Gilsdorf, Nahomy Rimbach, Darlin Claustro, Holly Fritz and Tina Ridings** for giving up a Saturday night to make sure our students had a fun and safe homecoming dance, complete with sweet treats. **Brittany Day and UHS ASB** for planning homecoming week events. **Oscar Contreras** for all the hard work he is putting in at the high school and helping Rick and Keith transition into their new roles.

I. REPORTS:

I.1. McNary Heights Elementary School – Nicole Coyle, Megan Lorence

Principal Mrs. Coyle reported the following:

- Fire presentations from Umatilla Rural Fire on Oct 8.

Vice Principal Miss Lorence reported the following:

- Megan Lorence - McNary had a good homecoming week. Continuing with attendance focus.

I.2. Columbia Vista Intermediate School – Tim Young, Kara Church

Principal Mr. Young reported the following:

- Mr Young reported Homecoming week was fun and the second year culture is off to a good start

Vice Principal Mrs. Church reported the following:

- REP tickets have been so fun and motivating students to stay out of detention

I.3. Clara Brownell Middle School - Rick Cotterell, Anthony Brown

Principal Mr. Cotterell reported the following:

- MIddle School had good homecoming week, fall sports are wrapping up

Vice Principal Mr. Brown reported the following:

- Two weeks left of fall sports. Basketball on the 26th with two of three coaches signed up. A third interested party is on the way. School culture is going well.

I.4. Umatilla High School – Rick Cotterell, Oscar Contreras, Dan Durfey

Principal Mr. Cotterell reported the following:

- Brittany Day and the leadership students take charge and get everything done. Oscar has been great in his expanded leadership role. Culture is positive just like at the other buildings.

I.5. Maintenance - Vinny Stefani

- Came back last Thursday and excited to be back

I.6. District – Heidi Sipe, Stephanie Williams-Strege, Kim Gilsdorf, Josy Chavez, David Lougee, Rikkilynn Starliper, Maria Sanchez, Pat Kerrigan, Chevelle Williams, UEA Report

Heidi Sipe reported the following:

- Community partners have been greatly appreciated as the district responds to events quickly. CVI dealt with a very strong smell on Oct 8 from a neighboring farm and the systems helped respond quickly. Thanks for Umatilla Rural Fire for moving from 19 presentations at McNary to a natural gas leak. At UHS there have been issues with the lifts at the high school and will have to replace

Kim Gilsdorf

- Auditors will finish in November because of holidays.

Rikkilynn Starpler

- A waste audit at Columbia Vista Intermediate was Oct 8.

Pat Kerrigan

- Nothing to Add

I.7. IMESD Talking Points:

- IMESD Talking Points are in the board packets.

J. PUBLIC INPUT:

- No public input at this time.

K. Recess: 7:26 p.m.

L. Executive Session 7:28 p.m.

ORS 192.660 (2) (E) (F) - To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

M. Reconvene 8:08 p.m.

- **Motion** Board Member Toby Cranston motion to approve Superintendent Sipe move forward with a real estate offer.

- **Seconded:** Board Member Steve Warr

  Board Member Barron- Yea
  Board Member Warr- Yea
  Board Member Cranston- Yea
  Board Member Eynon- Yea
  Board Member Lorence- Yea

Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

N. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting of the Umatilla School District will be held on November 12th, 2026.

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Board Chair Superintendent

Umatilla School District #6R
Financial Update
October 2026

The following Financial Update highlights the significant transactions for the Umatilla School District for the month:

General Fund Highlights:

- The General Fund collected the following:
    - Basic School Support, $1,524,489 (2026-27)

- A copy of the check register is attached for your review. Current month obligation checks totaled **$862,634.27**. Bond-related disbursements totaled $31,268.15 and are itemized separately. Some of the other larger expenditures include:

  Blue Mountain Community College – 2026 Fall tuition fees
  CARE Solace – 2026-27 Service Renewal
  IXL Learning – 2026-27 Math/ELA Software Renewal
  Mid Columbia Bus Co., Inc. – August & September transportation
  PowerSchool Group – 2026-27 Student Data Assessment renewal

<u>Other Notes:</u>

UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT 6R General Fund

10/31/2026

Statement of 2026-2027 Anticipated Revenue

Account	Budget	YTD Revenue	Anticipated	Total	+/(-) Budget
1111 Current Year's Levy*	$ 4,900,000	$ -	4,900,000	$ 4,900,000	$ -
1112 Prior Years' Levy*	100,000	62,182	37,818	100,000	-
1113-1190 County Sales Tax-Pymt in Lieu	300	4,762	-	4,762	4,462
1500 Earnings on Investments	250,000	73,415	176,585	250,000	-
1710 Admissions	35,000	-	35,000	35,000	-
1790 Other Co-Curricular Activities	-	1,090	-	1,090	1,090
1920 Contributions & Donations	5,500	219	5,281	5,500	-
1941 Svc Oth Dist Within State	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-
1980 Fees Charged to Grants	-	1,633	-	1,633	1,633
1990 Miscellaneous (Includes Recovery)	225,000	13,060	211,940	225,000	-
2101 County School Fund*	65,000	-	65,000	65,000	-
2199 Other Intermediate Sources	25,000	3,325	21,675	25,000	-
3101 State School Support Fund*	18,574,200	7,624,275	10,949,925	18,574,200	(0)
3103 Common School Fund*	210,000	102,908	107,092	210,000	-
3299 Restricted State Other Grants	-	1,045	-	1,045	1,045
4500 Restricted Fed Govt thru State	-	-	-	-	-
4700 Federal Grants Thru Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-
4801 Federal Forest Fees*	-	-	-	-	-
5000 Other Sources	11,000	2,606	8,394	11,000	-
Total Revenue	**$ 24,501,000**	**$ 7,890,521**	**$ 16,618,709**	**$ 24,509,230**	**$ 8,230**
5400 Beginning Fund Balance	4,250,000	2,728,000	-	2,728,000	(1,522,000)
TOTAL RESOURCES	**$ 28,751,000**	**$ 10,618,521**	**$ 16,618,709**	**$ 27,237,230**	**$ (1,513,770)**

* Local Revenue included within state formula.

PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCE CALCULATION

Revenues	$ 24,509,230
Expenditures Estimated	24,296,985
Revenues Over (Under) Expend.	212,245
Beginning Fund Balance - UN-AUDITEI	2,728,000
Projected Ending Fund Balance	2,940,245
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	$ -

Basic School Support Estimate

2026-2027 BSSF Estimate as of June 15, 2026

1,457.51 ADMr ***18,301,185***

Historical Expenditure Review

Expenditures 2027	***24,296,985***	***Estimated (86%)***
Expenditures 2026	*24,747,808*	***Un-Audited***
Expenditures 2025	21,533,996	
Expenditures 2024	19,152,716	
Expenditures 2023	18,221,941	
Expenditures 2022	16,554,990	

UMATILLA School District 6R **10/31/2026**

Statement of 2026-2027 Anticipated Expenditures

Cost Center	Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Free Balance
1111 Elementary K-6 (MHES/CVI)	$ 6,698,253	$ 4,370,718	$ 1,049,151	$ 1,278,384
1121 CBMS Middle School	1,978,055	1,364,416	373,880	239,759
1122 CBMS Extra Curricular	106,705	6,298	21,328	79,079
1131 Umatilla High School	3,283,854	1,990,930	592,599	700,325
1132 Umatilla HS Extra Curricular	588,294	126,214	139,437	322,643
1210 TAG Program	12,685	7,920	1,582	3,182
1250-1259 Special Education/Spec. Ed. Life Skills	2,396,775	1,708,048	426,752	261,975
1271 Remediation	121,075	85,536	19,193	16,346
1291 ELL Program	1,042,910	793,952	190,830	58,128
2114 Student Accounting	371,376	273,081	63,430	34,865
2115 Student Safety	8,400	-	3,654	4,746
2120 Guidance Counseling	468,638	314,531	63,946	90,160
2130 Health Services	3,000	29,763	8,077	(34,840)
2139 Other Health Services	6,575	-	1,724	4,851
2140 Psychological Services	35,635	29,548	5,904	183
2220 Educational Media Services	301,005	176,177	44,578	80,250
2230 Assessment & Testing	247,895	111,996	84,145	51,754
2240 Staff Development	330,125	173,608	50,187	106,330
2310-2321 Board/Superintendent	897,765	378,256	301,573	217,936
2410 Office of Principal	2,105,175	1,256,345	580,355	268,474
2520 Fiscal Services	362,960	238,796	88,876	35,289
2540 Plant Operations & Maintenance	3,227,825	1,146,207	1,244,538	837,079
2550-2558 Student/Spec Ed. Transportation	2,494,135	1,866,240	393,269	234,627
2630-2639 Volunteer Programs/Other Info. Services	197,910	86,543	55,487	55,881
2640 HR Staff Services	187,425	104,795	60,334	22,296
2645-2649 Health Services/Other Staff Services	15,000	-	9,273	5,727
2660 Technology Services	576,050	224,935	270,598	80,517
2680 Interpret/Translation Services	900	-	-	900
3300 Community Services	22,600	300	5,296	17,004
6000 Contingencies	662,000	-	-	662,000
Total Expenditures	**28,751,000**	**16,865,151**	**6,149,997**	**5,735,852**
Transfer of Funds	-	-	-	-
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-			-
TOTAL	**$ 28,751,000**	**$ 16,865,151**	**$ 6,149,997**	**$ 5,735,852**

FUNCTION	Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Free Balance
1000 Instructional Services	$ 16,228,606	10,454,031	$ 2,814,752	$ 2,959,822
2000 Support Services	11,837,794	6,410,819	3,329,949	2,097,026
3000 Community Services	22,600	300	5,296	17,004
5000 Transfer of Funds	-	-	-	-
6000 Contingency	662,000			662,000
Total Expenditures	**28,751,000**	**16,865,151**	**6,149,997**	**5,735,852**
7000 Fund Balance	-			-
TOTAL	**$ 28,751,000**	**$ 16,865,151**	**$ 6,149,997**	**$ 5,735,852**

OBJECTS	Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Free Balance
100 Salaries	$ 12,372,835	$ 8,514,080	$ 2,473,278	$ 1,385,477
200 Payroll Taxes & Benefits	9,483,071	5,936,204	1,661,323	1,885,544
300 Purchased Services	4,349,385	2,128,172	1,005,261	1,215,953
400 Supplies and Materials	1,277,919	276,759	496,746	504,414
500 Capital Outlay	102,000	9,935	54,730	37,335
600 Other Objects	503,790	-	458,659	45,131
700 Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-
800 Contingency	662,000		-	662,000
Total Expenditures	**28,751,000**	**16,865,151**	**6,149,997**	**5,735,852**
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-			-
TOTAL	**$ 28,751,000**	**$ 16,865,151**	**$ 6,149,997**	**$ 5,735,852**

Umatilla SD Other Funds - 2026 - 2027

EXPENDITURES

Fund	Description	Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Free Balance
203	CTE Career Pathways	$ 29,100	$ -	-	$ 29,100
204	Umatilla Sports Complex	32,610	-	-	32,610
205	ORTOP	10,000	-	-	10,000
206	Medicaid Claiming	115,750	86,063	20,350	9,338
207	SB 1149	75,000	-	-	75,000
210	ECIA Title I	514,490	407,811	86,386	20,293
212	ECIA Title IIA	61,500	46,658	10,634	4,208
214	ECIA Title III	56,000	46,105	11,047	(1,152)
216	Title IVA Safe & Drug Free Schools	52,000	-	18,352	33,648
217	21st CCLC	598,540	184,042	191,748	222,750
218	Outdoor School	44,000	-	2,599	41,401
221	Title 1C Migrant Ed	51,500	44,664	8,924	(2,088)
223	Children's Reading Foundation	3,201	-	-	3,201
224	IDEA	127,000	84,943	20,285	21,772
228	Fed School Improv Funds CSI/TSI	43,150	34,112	9,099	(62)
239	HS Success Grant	479,800	322,933	140,115	16,751
243	OR First Robotics Grant	20,000	-	-	20,000
250	Child Nutrition Fund	2,100,000	1,190,431	422,560	487,010
251	Farm to School Grant	55,000	31,750	28,800	(5,550)
255	Student Investment Acct (SIA)	1,679,570	1,237,762	291,950	149,858
257	Immigrant Student Success Grant	150,000	-	-	150,000
258	Youth Transition Program Grant	135,000	20,364	35,762	78,873
259	Summer Academic Support Grant	320,000	-	329,648	(9,648)
261	Education Project Grant	22,250	-	-	22,250
262	Early Literacy Grant	219,645	153,913	25,350	40,382
275	LTREZ Funds	1,410,000			1,410,000
284	Daycare Center	168,675	107,643	33,058	27,974
285	MHES ASB	33,000	-	-	33,000
287	CVI ASB	28,000	-	-	28,000
290	CBMS ASB	50,000	-	-	50,000
295	UHS ASB	235,000	-	-	235,000
299	Miscellaneous Grants	182,000	18,325	40,555	123,120
302	Debt Service	2,412,000	-	-	2,412,000
303	PERS UAL Debt Service	1,295,000	-	-	1,295,000
452	2016 GO Bond Capital Projects Fund	360,000	12,000	-	348,000
453	Construction Excise Tax	1,205,000	710,000	10,000	485,000
455	Capital Projects 2022 GO	2,564,000	753,788	786,229	1,023,983
	Total Expenditures	**$ 16,937,781**	**$ 5,493,308**	**$ 2,523,451**	**$ 8,921,022**

RECAP

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	YTD Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
203	CTE Career Pathways	$ -	$ -	-	$ -
204	Umatilla Sports Complex	3,308	-	-	3,308
205	ORTOP	1,545	-	-	1,545
206	Medicaid Claiming	4,290	-	20,350	(16,060)
207	SB 1149	16,812	21,110	-	37,922
210	ECIA Title I	(11,361)	58,429	86,386	(39,318)
212	ECIA Title IIA	(300)	3,026	10,634	(7,908)
214	ECIA Title III	(2,836)	2,846	11,047	(11,037)
216	Title IVA Safe & Drug Free Schools	-	10,852	18,352	(7,500)
217	21st CCLC	(18,667)	18,667	191,748	(191,748)
218	Outdoor School	(31,932)	40,189	2,599	5,658
221	Title 1C Migrant Ed	-	4,458	8,924	(4,466)
223	Children's Reading Foundation	3,200	-	-	3,200
224	IDEA	-	-	20,285	(20,285)
228	Fed School Improv Funds CSI/TSI	-	-	9,099	(9,099)
239	HS Success Grant	-	200,000	140,115	59,885
243	OR First Robotics Grant	-	-	-	-
250	Child Nutrition Fund	(48,540)	310,342	422,560	(160,757)
251	Farm to School Grant	(27,301)	-	28,800	(56,101)
255	Student Investment Acct (SIA)	-	500,000	291,950	208,050
257	Immigrant Student Success Grant	-	-	-	-
258	Youth Transition Program Grant	43,169	6,996	35,762	14,403
259	Summer Academic Support Grant	(1,651)	11,250	329,648	(320,049)
261	Education Project Grant	21,535	304	-	21,839
262	Early Literacy Grant	20,323	35,000	25,350	29,973
275	LTREZ Funds	820,236	8,261	-	828,498
284	Daycare Center	142,639	26,134	33,058	135,716
285	MHES ASB	14,701	-	-	14,701
287	CVI ASB	-	-	-	-
290	CBMS ASB	29,682	-	-	29,682
295	UHS ASB	182,079	-	-	182,079
299	Miscellaneous Grants	26,035	53,475	40,555	38,955
302	Debt Service	290,151	30,734	-	320,885
303	PERS UAL Debt Service	258,628	540,998	-	799,626
452	2016 GO Bond Capital Projects Fund	359,019	14	-	359,034
453	Construction Excise Tax	970,677	329,595	10,000	1,290,272
455	Capital Projects 2022 GO	2,288,377	24,377	786,229	1,526,526
	Total Resources	**$ 5,353,820**	**$ 2,237,058**	**$ 2,523,451**	**$ 5,067,426**

* Balances are NOT Audited.

UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT 6R **GENERAL FUND** **2026-2027**

Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Summary

ACCT #	SOURCE	BUDGET	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	Over/(Under)
RESOURCES																
1111	Current Year Taxes	4,900,000	-	-	-	-	*3,700,000*	*700,000*	*80,000*	*12,000*	*100,000*	*10,000*	*25,000*	*70,000*	4,697,000	(203,000)
1112	Prior Year Taxes	100,000	25,076	20,198	10,376	6,532	*20,000*	*2,000*	*10,000*	*5,000*	*5,000*	*5,000*	*5,000*	*5,000*	119,182	19,182
1113-1191	County Sales Tax-Pymt in Lieu	300	4,762						-	-	-			-	4,762	4,462
1500	Interest on Investments	250,000	16,672	20,590	18,810	17,342	*25,000*	*25,000*	*25,000*	*25,000*	*25,000*	*25,000*	*25,000*	*25,000*	273,415	23,415
1710	Admissions	35,000	-					-	-	-				*25,000*	25,000	(10,000)
1790	Other Co-Curricular Activities	-	-	-	-	1,090	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,090	1,090
1920	Contributions	5,500	-	-	219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	219	(5,281)
1941	Svc Oth Dist Within State	100,000	-											-	-	(100,000)
1980	Fees Charged to Grants	-	609	-	1,024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,633	1,633
1990	Miscellaneous	225,000	162	2,922	3,244	6,732	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,060	(211,940)
2101	County School Funds	65,000	-		-	-	-	-	*65,000*	-	-	-		-	65,000	-
2199	Other Intermediate Sources	25,000	-	-	3,325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,325	(21,675)
3101	State School Support	18,574,200	3,050,808	1,524,489	1,524,489	1,524,489	*1,525,000*	*1,525,000*	*1,525,000*	*1,525,000*	*1,525,000*	*1,525,000*	*1,525,000*	*(8,379)*	18,290,896	(283,304)
3103	Common School Fund	210,000	102,908						-	*100,000*	-				202,908	(7,092)
3299	Other Restricted Grants-in-Aid	-	1,045	-	-					-				-	1,045	1,045
4500	Restricted Fed thru State		-		-			-	-		-		-		-	-
4700	Federal Grants thru Other Agencies	-	-			-		-	-					-	-	-
4801	Federal Forest Fees	-	-						-	-	-	-		-	-	-
5000	Other Sources	11,000	-	-		2,606		-			-	-	-	-	2,606	(8,394)
	Total Revenue	24,501,000	3,202,042	1,568,199	1,561,487	1,558,791	5,270,000	2,252,000	1,705,000	1,667,000	1,655,000	1,565,000	1,580,000	116,621	23,701,141	(799,859)
5400	Beginning Fund Balance	4,250,000	2,728,000											-	2,728,000	(1,522,000)
	Total Resources	28,751,000	5,930,042	1,568,199	1,561,487	1,558,791	5,270,000	2,252,000	1,705,000	1,667,000	1,655,000	1,565,000	1,580,000	116,621	26,429,141	(2,321,859)
REQUIREMENTS																
100	Salaries	12,372,835	216,905	259,065	987,612	1,009,696	*1,000,000*	*975,000*	*975,000*	*975,000*	*975,000*	*975,000*	*975,000*	*2,275,000*	11,598,278	774,557
200	Benefits	9,483,071	145,349	180,076	663,774	672,124	*670,000*	*670,000*	*670,000*	*670,000*	*670,000*	*670,000*	*670,000*	*1,600,000*	7,951,323	1,531,748
300	Purchased Services	4,349,385	72,967	293,899	93,775	544,619	*375,000*	*275,000*	*350,000*	*500,000*	*320,000*	*320,000*	*475,000*	*500,000*	4,120,261	229,124
400	Supplies & Materials	1,277,919	112,923	113,071	153,218	117,535	*50,000*	*40,000*	*30,000*	*30,000*	*40,000*	*40,000*	*20,000*	*40,000*	786,746	491,173
500	Capital Outlay	102,000	15,900	13,225	25,605	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,730	47,270
600	Other Objects	503,790	12,062	428,579	9,722	8,295	*1,200*	*8,000*	*3,500*	*3,000*	*1,000*	*1,000*	*2,000*	*2,000*	480,359	23,431
720	Transfers	-					-			-	-		-	-	-	-
800	Contingency	662,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	662,000
	Total Expenditures	28,751,000	576,107	1,287,915	1,933,706	2,352,269	*2,096,200*	*1,968,000*	*2,028,500*	*2,178,000*	*2,006,000*	*2,006,000*	*2,142,000*	*4,417,000*	24,991,697	3,759,303
Monthly Fund Balance		0	5,353,936	280,284	(372,219)	(793,477)	3,173,800	284,000	(323,500)	(511,000)	(351,000)	(441,000)	(562,000)	(4,300,379)	1,437,444	
Accumulated Fund Balance		0	5,353,936	5,634,219	5,262,001	4,468,523	7,642,323	7,926,323	7,602,823	7,091,823	6,740,823	6,299,823	5,737,823	1,437,444	1,437,444	
% of Budgeted Resources			20.63%	5.45%	5.43%	5.42%	18.33%	7.83%	5.93%	5.80%	5.76%	5.44%	5.50%	0.41%	91.92%	
% of Budgeted Requirements			2.00%	4.48%	6.73%	8.18%	7.29%	6.84%	7.06%	7.58%	6.98%	6.98%	7.45%	15.36%	86.92%	

Umatilla School District 6R
Board Report
OCTOBER 2026

	Vendor	Detail	Amount	Fund
1	ACT, Inc	Workkeys testing	$ 700.50	
2	Aichele Farms	Berries; Farm to School grant	$ 10,450.00	251
3	Amazon Capital Services	Classroom, After School, HS Success and Maintenance supplies; books; office chairs/conference table x 2 months	$ 43,068.23	100; 217; 239; 250; 299
4	Auto Kool	Dodge Durango repairs	$ 2,485.50	250
5	Banner Bank	PTC, After School and Robotics Supplies, 26/27 ASB Quickbooks Renewal	$ 6,099.01	100; 217; 239; 299
6	Bernal, Delma A	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 148.40	
7	Bivins, Courtney J	Travel reimbursement	$ 41.34	
8	Blake, Sarah M	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
9	Blake, Stefanie R	LifeFlight/travel reimbursement	$ 259.62	
10	Blick Art Materials	UHS/CBMS Art supplies	$ 4,231.07	
11	Blue Mountain Community College	2026 Fall tuition fees	$ 39,838.42	
12	BNB Mechanical LLC	UHS Toilet repairs	$ 695.55	
13	Bow, Scott A	LifeFlight/travel reimbursement	$ 628.75	
14	Brown, Anthony	LifeFlight/Supplies reimbursement	$ 197.00	
15	Bruce Heating & Air Conditioning	MHES HVAC service call	$ 522.50	
16	BSN Sports	Backpacks & volleyballs	$ 1,091.69	
17	Burres, Elizebeth	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
18	Campos, Iridiana	LifeFlight/Supplies reimbursement	$ 179.96	
19	Campos Silva, Victor M	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
20	Care Solace	26/27 Renewal	$ 7,500.00	216
21	Cascade Athletic Supplies	Athletic tape	$ 342.95	
22	Cascade Natural Gas	Monthly heating fuel	$ 936.64	100; 250
23	Castro, Candice C	License reimbursement	$ 187.50	
24	Chavez, Josy	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
25	City of Umatilla	Monthly water/garbage services	$ 16,251.67	100; 250
26	CMC Neptune LLC	26/27 Gametime renewal	$ 2,000.00	
27	College Place High School	Cross Country Meet fees	$ 50.00	
28	Collins, Brianna	Travel reimbursement	$ 820.12	
29	Columbia Harvest Foods	Supplies	$ 77.49	217; 250; 255
30	Community Counseling Solutions	September Services	$ 9,186.66	255
31	Cookin' Spoo Style	Hall of Fame Dinner Catering service	$ 5,100.00	
32	Cotterell, Rick	Supplies reimbursement	$ 379.84	
33	Coyle, Ian M	LifeFlight/Supplies reimbursement	$ 637.00	
34	Crown Paper & Janitorial Supplies	Janitorial supplies	$ 3,009.05	
35	Darrell Rowbury	Apples	$ 1,750.00	251
36	Desert Springs Bottled Water	Monthly bottled water services	$ 225.75	
37	Dick-Neal, Haven M	License reimbursement	$ 350.00	212
38	DocuSign, Inc.	26/2027 Software renewal	$ 3,312.00	
39	Duke's Auto Plus	New clutch in 2004 Ford truck	$ 2,130.00	
40	Durfey, Dan	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
41	Eastern Oregon Sports	26/27 Season timing services	$ 1,207.50	
42	EdPuzzle, Inc.	26/27 Software Licensure renewal	$ 2,750.00	
43	Enciso Barrera, Andrea	After School supplies	$ 10.65	217
44	Essential Elements	1-year music class supplement	$ 299.00	
45	ExploreLearning, LLC	26/27 Reflex Site License renewal	$ 3,295.00	
46	FIRST	2027 FTC Team Registrtations	$ 3,500.00	217
47	Follett Software, LLC	Library books	$ 735.18	
48	Foundations, Inc.	STEAM Conference registration and lodging	$ 5,266.64	217
49	Franks, Jennifer R	Travel reimbursement	$ 63.25	
50	Fritz, Holly E	Supplies Reimbursements	$ 545.41	255
51	Garrett Hemann Robertson	SeptemberServices	$ 515.00	
52	Gattis, Tammy M	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 85.00	
53	Gertsch, Catherine R	Supplies reimbursement	$ 58.97	
54	Gonzalez, Ashlee C	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
55	Heather A. Bacon	Counseling services	$ 200.00	255
56	Heppner Cross Country	Cross Country Entry fee	$ 50.00	
57	Hermiston Auto Parts	Maintenance supplies	$ 66.46	
58	Hernandez, C Morgan	LifeFlight/travel reimbursement	$ 942.97	
59	Home Depot	Maintenance supplies	$ 235.85	
60	Hottman, Molly R	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
61	InterMountain ESD	Summer School Nursing services	$ 715.49	217
62	Iveson, Erin K	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
63	IXL Learning	26/27 Math/ELA software renewal	$ 24,207.50	
64	Jimmy's Johns Porta Potties	Monthly Porta potty rentals	$ 565.00	
65	JM Productions LLC	September podcast	$ 700.00	
66	Johnson, Ann M	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 85.00	
67	Johnston, Melanie L	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 85.00	
68	Kelley Create	Monthly Copier Lease payment (CVI & UHS CTE)	$ 1,374.26	

	Vendor	Detail	Amount	Fund
69	KIE Supply Corporation	Maintenance supplies	$ 168.13	
70	KUTA Software LLC	Math Site license supplement	$ 415.00	
71	Leaf Capital Funding	Monhly Copier Lease payment	$ 5,304.39	
72	Liebe, Mykel	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
73	Lougee, David	Supplies reimbursement	$ 33.76	
74	Melick, Preston R	Travel reimbursement	$ 917.80	
75	Mid Columbia Bus Co., Inc.	Aug/September 2026 Transportation	$ 379,721.98	
76	Mobymax LLC	26/27 Moby Suite license renewal	$ 4,795.00	
77	Momentum	Monthly phone services	$ 455.78	
78	Newsela Inc.	26/27 Renewal subscription	$ 4,400.00	
79	Northwest Farm Supply	Maintenance supplies	$ 1,116.00	
80	Northwest Textbook Depository	Social Studies textbooks/Workbooks	$ 5,688.22	
81	NW Regional ESD	Quarterly invoice background checks	$ 1,714.36	
82	Olson, Erick E	LifeFlight/Supplies reimbursement	$ 695.96	
83	Oregon Library Association	OBOB Registration fees	$ 285.00	
84	Oregon School Personnel Assoc.	26/27 Membership renewal	$ 298.00	
85	Ortiz-Cardenas, Luis	Supplies Reimbursement	$ 50.00	
86	Oregon School Activities Assoc.	26/27 Membership fees	$ 4,315.00	
87	Pacific Power	Monthly electricity services x 2 months	$ 58,117.49	
88	Pacific Pride	Gas/diesel	$ 1,339.04	
89	Pendleton High School	Cross Country Entry fees	$ 50.00	
90	PowerSchool Group	26/27 Student Assessment renewal	$ 16,550.20	
91	Prater, Diane	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
92	Pye-Barker	Monthly fire monitoring services	$ 88.23	
93	Quadient Leasing USA	Quarterly Lease Mail Machine	$ 700.35	
94	RDO Equipment Co.	Mower supplies	$ 63.32	
95	Rosetta Stone LLC	26/27 License renewal	$ 3,375.00	
96	Roth, Joyce A	Travel Reimbursement	$ 613.64	
97	Russell, Arrik C	Supplies reimbursement	$ 376.27	255
98	Salem Academy High School	2026 Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament fees	$ 1,000.00	
99	Scholastic INC	Magazines	$ 274.73	
100	Shelco Electric, Inc.	Football Field LED lighting	$ 1,030.50	
101	Sheller, Karen	LifeFlight Reimbursement	$ 140.00	
102	Sherman, Ashley K	Supplies Reimbursement	$ 100.00	
103	Sherwin Williams	Football field paint	$ 171.70	
104	Simmons, Katherine M	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
105	Sipe, Caden	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
106	Sipe, Heidi	Travel/Supplies reimbursement	$ 13,757.16	100; 299
107	Smith Security LLC	Monthly monitoring services	$ 424.00	
108	Smitty's Ace Hardware	Maintenance supplies	$ 340.22	
109	Solis, Louie	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
110	Springbrook Farms	Dairy/milk purchases	$ 11,737.96	250
111	Starliper, Rikkilynn	LifeFlight Reimbursement	$ 140.00	
112	Summerlin, Michelle C	License reimbursement	$ 197.00	
113	TE Investigations/T Eynon	September services	$ 450.00	
114	TK Elevator Corporation	UHS Elevator maintenance/CVI Annual Elevator Maintenance contract	$ 2,274.78	
115	Tortilleria Y Tienda Deleon's	Tamales	$ 8,306.50	251
116	Traffic Jams LLC	Dash camera installation Highlander & new Sienna van	$ 1,291.96	
117	Trevino, Rodolfo T	Travel/Supplies reimbursement	$ 715.11	
118	Twin Rocks Friends	March 2027 deposit Outdoor School	$ 2,599.00	218
119	Umatilla Child Nutrition	Petty cash	$ 441.38	250
120	Umatilla County	Property Tax	$ 9.70	
121	Umatilla High School	Desserts for Hall of Fame Dinner	$ 409.50	
122	Umatilla Morrow Radio & Data District	2026/2027 Services	$ 3,653.75	
123	United Salad Co.	Food supplies/produce	$ 3,217.65	250
124	US Foods	Monthly Foods Supply purchases	$ 64,269.15	250
125	Verizon Wireless	Monthly phone services x 2 months	$ 963.08	
126	Viesca, Rory	Supplies reimbursement	$ 7.75	217
127	Viking Productions	Para Tshirts	$ 242.00	255
128	Wagner, Tammy D	Supplies reimbursement	$ 77.17	239
129	WCP Solutions	Dishwasher supplies	$ 1,812.00	250
130	West Coast Products	FRC Supplies	$ 4,877.85	217
131	West, Shann C	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 85.00	
132	Wiley, Lucia C	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 140.00	
133	Williams III, John	Supplies reimbursement	$ 111.72	
134	Williams, Chevelle	Travel reimbursement	$ 33.00	
135	Williams, Stephanie	Travel reimbursement	$ 88.54	217
136	Zamudio, Desirae J	LifeFlight reimbursement	$ 65.00	
			TOTAL: $ 831,366.12	

Fund 203-Career Pathways Grant
Fund 204-Umatilla Sports Comp/Improv
Fund 205-ORTOP
Fund 251-Farm to School
Fund 255-Student Investment Account
Fund 258-Youth Transition (YTP)

Vendor	Detail	Amount	Fund
Fund 206-Medicaid Administration	Fund 259-Summer Academic Support Grant		
Fund 207-SB-1149	Fund 261-State Education Project (Lottery)		
Fund 210-Title IA Improving Basic Progr	Fund 262-Early Literacy Grant/High Dosage Tutoring		
Fund 212-Title IIA-PTR Teachers/Princip	Fund 275-LTREZ Funds		
Fund 214-Limited English Prof. Students	Fund 284-Daycare Center		
Fund 216-Title IVA - Safe & Drug Free Sc	Fund 285-Elementary A S B (MHES)		
Fund 217-21st CCLC	Fund 287-Intermediate ASB (CVI)		
Fund 218-Outdoor School Education Fu	Fund 290-Middle A S B (CBMS)		
Fund 221-Title 1C Migrant	Fund 295-High A S B (UHS)		
Fund 223-Children's Reading Foundatio	Fund 299-Miscellaneous Grants		
Fund 224-I.D.E.A.	Fund 302-Debt Service - High School		
Fund 228-Fed School Imp CSI/TSI	Fund 303-Debt Service - PERS UAL		
Fund 239-Measure 98	Fund 452-Capital Projects/2016 GO Bond Capital Projects		
Fund 243-Oregon FIRST Robotics Progra	Fund 453-Construction Excise Tax		
Fund 250-Food Service	Fund 455-2022 GO Bond Capital Projects		

UMATILLA SD 6R 2023 General Obligation Bond

5% of proceeds must be spent by November 23, 2023 — *2,379,889.25*

85% of proceeds must be spent by May 23, 2026 — *40,458,117.29*

Closed on May 23, 2023

Issue/PAR Amount:	***45,199,757.75***	*Total Bond Amount:*	*47,597,785.05*
Premium Amount:	***2,398,027.30***	*Less Costs transferred/Wired at Closing*	*454,957.90*
Total Bond amount:	***47,597,785.05***	***Net Funds transferred to LGIP Account:***	***47,142,827.15***

Expenditures

Date	Check #	Vendor	Service	Cost
			Total Expenditures for 2022-2023	**523,193.75**
			Total Expenditures for 2023-2024	**3,769,634.84**
			Total Expenditures for 2024-2025	**36,636,001.74**
			Total Expenditures for 2025-2026	**13,937,928.51**
7/1/2026		LGIP	7/1 LGIP FEES	0.05
7/10/2026	50095	SAZAN GROUP INC	SOLAR STUDY | JULY SERVICES	4,446.00
7/10/2026	V17932	DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS	ARCHITECT SERVICES PROJECT 25103: MHES RESTROOM REMOD	900.00
7/10/2026	V17930	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	NEW INTERMEDIATE 4-6 BUILDING PROJECT	272,730.06
7/10/2026	V17930	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	CTE MODERNIZATION of OLD UHS CTE	96,539.33
7/17/2026	50111	ROCKLER WOODWORKING	UHS CTE CLASSROOM TOOLS (ROUTER)	1,219.00
7/17/2026	V17945	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	UHS CTE BUILDING PROJECT	9,813.23
7/31/2026	50146	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CVI PODIUM STAND; STORAGE ORGANIZERS	237.98
7/31/2026	50147	KEITHLY BARBER ASSOCIATES	BOND PROJECTS COMMISSIONING	2,409.20
8/7/2026	V17966	ALLIANCE MANAGEMENT & CONSTRUCTION S	JULY 2026 BOND PROJECT SERVICES	5,000.00
8/7/2026	V17968	DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS	ARCHITECT SERVICES PROJECT 25103: MHES RESTROOM REMOD	1,500.00
8/14/2026	50177	COLUMBIA BASIN ENVIRONMENT	AIR SAMPLES AFTER ABATEMENT (MHES RESTROOM PROJECT)	2,000.00
8/14/2026	V17983	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	CTE MODERNIZATION of OLD UHS CTE	110,130.88
8/14/2026	V17983	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	NEW INTERMEDIATE 4-6 BUILDING PROJECT	13,500.00
8/21/2026	50217	SAZAN GROUP INC	SOLAR STUDY | AUGUST SERVICES	6,817.60
8/28/2026	50228	KEITHLY BARBER ASSOCIATES	BOND PROJECTS COMMISSIONING	481.84
9/1/2026		LGIP	9/1 LGIP FEES	0.10
9/4/2026	V18010	ALLIANCE MANAGEMENT & CONSTRUCTION S	AUG 2026 BOND PROJECT SERVICES	5,000.00
9/4/2026	V18011	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	UHS CTE BUILDING PROJECT (FINAL)	10,316.82
9/4/2026	V18011	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	NEW INTERMEDIATE 4-6 BUILDING PROJECT	209,250.00
9/18/2026	50279	CAMPBELL COOLING ELECTRIC	WALKIN COOLER/FREEZER	1,705.00
9/18/2026	50291	SAZAN GROUP INC	SOLAR STUDY | SEPT SERVICES	963.40
10/1/2026		LGIP	10/1 LGIP FEES	0.05
10/2/2026	50345	US MUSIC STORE	BAND INSTRUMENT (TOLOLOCHE)	1,900.00
10/2/2026	V18059	ALLIANCE MANAGEMENT & CONSTRUCTION S	SEPT 2026 BOND PROJECT SERVICES	5,000.00
10/2/2026	V18061	DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS	ARCHITECT SERVICES PROJECT 25103: MHES RESTROOM REMOD	3,053.65
10/5/2026	50353	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WIRELESS MICROPHONE, TRIPOD SPEAKER STAND, SPEAKER	985.99
10/12/2026	V18078	CHERVENELL CONSTRUCTION	CTE MODERNIZATION of OLD UHS CTE	10,139.34
10/16/2026	50385	METEOR EDUCATION	CUBBIES FOR DESKS	1,595.77
10/23/2026	50426	SAZAN GROUP INC	SOLAR STUDY | SEPT SERVICES	963.40
10/23/2026	50427	TED BROWN MUSIC	BAND INSTRUMENTS (ACCORDIANS, VIOLINS, TUBA)	7,630.00
			Total Expenditures for 2026-2027	**786,228.69**
5/11/2023		*Alliance Management & Construction Services*	*Project Bond Management Services*	*8,150.00*
			TOTAL Commitments/Pledges 2023-27	***8,150.00***
			Total for 2022-2027	**55,661,137.53**
			Total Percentage of Bond	**116.94%**

Bond Proceeds	45,199,757.75
Addl Bond premium	2,398,027.30
Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program	1,581,326.00
ODE OSCIM Matching Grant	4,000,000.00
Oregon Dept of Energy (Green Energy Grant)	100,000.00
Subtotal funds for Bond projects	**53,279,111.05**
Energy Trust Incentives Received 2025-26	184,290.76

Expenditures

Date	Check #	Vendor	Service	Cost
			Various refunds Received	182,287.46
			Interest earned 2022-23	227,126.89
			Interest earned 2023-24	1,084,951.26
			Interest earned 2024-25	993,075.84
			Interest earned 2025-26	1,196,221.58
			Interest earned 2026-27	24,377.21
			Subtotal Misc Rev & interest earned	**3,892,331.00**
			Total Revenue avail. for Bond Projects & Other	**57,171,442.05**
			Total Expenditures for 2023 Bond Proceeds & Grant programs	**55,652,987.53**
			Available Funds Remaining	**1,518,454.52**

UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6R

November 12, 2026

Superintendent's Recommendation

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIRE

Anastasha Ramirez - MHES Sped. Assistant
Melanie Duarte - MHES Ed. Assistant
Giselle Ramirez - UHS Ed. Assistant
Laura Lozano Mendoza - Custodian

Extra Duty
Robert Betts - Head Wrestling Coach

Retire/Rehire
Dan Durfey - 8th Grade Science Teacher and UHS Athletic Director - Effective Jan. 1

RESIGNATIONS

Extra Duty:
Jordan Franklin - Head Wrestling Coach

Retirement:
Monica Anderson - UHS Ed. Assistant
David Lougee - Coordinator of ELD & Bilingual Programs

To whom it may concern,

It is with a heavy heart that, after much deliberation, I must inform you of my resignation from my position as the Head Wrestling Coach at Umatilla High School. This decision is extremely difficult for me as I have dedicated years of my life to this program and I fully intended to be in my position for many more.

I have elected to return to school to continue my education and pursue a career in healthcare. This decision along with my current job and my new need to be the best father and husband that I can has made it painfully obvious that I no longer have the ability to dedicate the time that this program deserves.

I wanted to take the time to say thank you for the opportunity to chase this dream and to allow me to stay close to the sport that I hold so dearly. Specifically, I want to thank everyone involved who took a chance on a 20 year old kid with no coaching experience who just loved the sport.

If possible, I would like to remain involved and assist in any way that I can. However, I understand that this is a decision that must be made between the district and whoever may take over my position and I will respect that decision wholeheartedly.

I wish the best for this program and I hope to see it thrive and continue to grow.

Jordan Franklin



Resolution to Amend the 2024 OSBA Bylaws

WHEREAS, the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) was formed in 1946 as a volunteer association of locally elected public school boards;

WHEREAS, in 2017, through a vote of the OSBA membership, OSBA was incorporated under ORS chapter 65 as a public benefit non-profit corporation and the OSBA bylaws replaced the OSBA constitution;

WHEREAS, in 2018, through a vote of the OSBA membership, the OSBA bylaws were amended to expand the OSBA board of directors and legislative policy committee with representatives from the Oregon school board members of color caucus;

WHEREAS, in 2023, through a vote of the OSBA membership, the OSBA bylaws were amended to expand the OSBA board of directors and legislative policy committee with representatives from the Oregon rural school board members caucus and additional revisions to the bylaws;

WHEREAS, in 2024, through a vote of the OSBA membership, the OSBA bylaws were amended to include the following substantive changes:

- Allowing caucuses to have an additional director on the OSBA board of directors in the circumstance where the OSBA president or immediate president is a director from a caucus. This revision is intended to provide the same opportunity for representation for caucuses as is currently provided to regionally elected directors.
- Clarify that OSBA board of directors must comply with the Oregon government ethics laws with respect to conflicts-of-interest.
- Require OSBA caucuses to submit an annual year end fiscal report to the OSBA board of directors.
- Create officer eligibility criteria that requires candidates for officer positions and directors in officer positions to be voting members of the OSBA board of directors.
- Edits to grammar, punctuation, and language for readability.

WHEREAS, in 2026, the OSBA board reviewed its governing structure as per Bylaws 2.7 and proposes to amend the OSBA bylaws as reflected in the attached draft OSBA bylaws with changes highlighted in the attached summary document; and

WHEREAS, the substantive changes to the draft OSBA bylaws are the following:

- Change deadline for members or board directors to submit resolutions to the OSBA board from September 30 to September 15.
- Clarify that if a member has a main administrative office in more than one region, the member board must declare which region it intends to vote and shall vote only in that region.
- Change the requirement of an in-person annual meeting of the members in November to a requirement that the annual meeting be held on a date and time and in a manner fixed by the board of directors and stated in the notice of the meeting.

- Clarify that returned blank ballots will count towards establishing a quorum but will not count as a “yes” or “no” vote.
- Replace the current caucus structure with a Caucus Council composed of designated representatives from caucuses that report to the OSBA executive director. The Caucus Council will retain two director seats on the OSBA board, replacing the two current caucus seats. The current two caucus directors will remain in their seats until the Caucus Council designates their first positions, or until December 31, 2027, whichever occurs first. The Caucus Council will have the option of designating a representative to serve on the finance committee. The Caucus Council will have the option of recommending seats on the OSBA legislative policy committee.
- Eliminate ex-officio positions and replace them with the option of appointment of nonvoting advisors to the board of directors as determined by resolution of the board of directors.
- Allow the OSBA board of directors the option of appointing directors to all vacant director positions except for the additional directors created pursuant to Section 3.5.1(e) if the president or immediate past president is no longer from the region to which the position is assigned.
- Eliminate the ability to appoint a director from a contiguous region.
- Add term limits to the finance and legislative policy committee positions.
- Clarify that OSBA officers, other than the past-president, must be reelected by their regions to continue serving as OSBA officers.
- Change OSBA board director participation on the legislative policy committee from a requirement to optional participation except that executive committee members continue to be required to serve on the LPC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OSBA board of directors that the proposed draft OSBA bylaws be submitted to the membership for consideration during the 2026 OSBA election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed draft OSBA bylaws, the draft OSBA bylaws summary document, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all OSBA member boards in accordance with the OSBA board of directors’ adopted elections calendar.

Submitted by: OSBA Board of Directors

OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The Oregon School Boards Association (the "Association" or "OSBA") exists solely to perform essential governmental functions and all of its income accrues to the State of Oregon or its political subdivisions as required under IRC Section 115. In particular, the Association's mission and purpose are as follows:

A. To work for the general advancement and improvement of the education of all public school children of the State of Oregon.

B. To gather and disseminate information pertinent to the successful operation of public schools.

C. To work for the most efficient and effective organization of public schools of this state. "Public schools" include local school districts, education service districts, the State Board of Education, and community colleges classified as a political subdivision.

D. To work for adequate and dependable financial support for the public schools of this state.

E. To study all legislation which affects the public schools of Oregon and to support and work for that which appears to be desirable and to keep members informed thereof. To propose and work for the enactment of proper educational legislation.

F. To encourage the establishment and maintenance of best practices and high standards in the conduct and operation of the public school educational system.

G. To study and interpret educational programs and to relate them to the needs of pupils.

H. To promote public understanding of the role of school boards and school board members in the improvement of education.

I. To conduct seminars, conferences, and research projects in the various aspects of education for the benefit of members.

J. To endeavor to implement the policies, beliefs, and resolutions of the Association members and board of directors.

K. To do such other things as the member boards or board of directors may deem appropriate for the accomplishment of these and other purposes which tend to improve public education.

L. To enter into such cooperative agreement with members for the pooling of resources and the provision of services as may result in the more efficient utilization of district resources and accrue to their financial advantage.

SECTION 2 MEMBERS

2.1 Admission. All members must qualify as (1) a "political subdivision" as defined under Treas Reg § 1.103-1(b) and Revenue Ruling 78-276, 1978-2 CB 256 and (2) as one of the following:

2.1.1 School District as defined under ORS Chapter 332;
2.1.2 Education Service District as defined under ORS Chapter 334;
2.1.3 Community College District as defined under ORS Chapter 341;
2.1.4 State Board of Education as defined under ORS Chapter 326; and
2.1.5 Any other governmental educational organization qualifying as a political subdivision, as approved by resolution of the board of directors.

2.2 Dues. Annual dues shall be set by majority vote of the members and shall be based on resident Average Daily Membership (ADMr) as of December 31 of the preceding year as reported to the Oregon Department of Education. Dues shall be payable on July 1 of each year and shall become delinquent on September 1 of each year. Member status shall automatically terminate for members failing to pay dues by September 1 unless an extension is requested and granted by the board of directors.

2.3 Reserved Powers of the Members. The following corporate actions require the consent and approval of the members:

2.3.1 Election and removal of directors except as set forth in Section 3.8;
2.3.2 Election and removal of the Legislative Policy Committee ("LPC") members except as set forth in Section 4.1.3(g);
2.3.3 Approval of resolutions to effectuate any of the following:

(a) Adoption, amendment, or restatement of the articles of incorporation or bylaws;
(b) Modification to the region descriptions set forth in Section 2.6.1; and
(c) Dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge, or transfer of all or substantially all of the Association's assets.

2.4 Voting Power.

2.4.1 Election of Directors and LPC Members. For the purposes of nominating and electing directors and LPC members, each member shall have one vote.
2.4.2 Resolution. For the purposes of approving a resolution, each member shall have one vote on all resolutions except as follows:

(a) K-12 Local Districts with an ADMr between 15,600 and 23,400 shall have two votes.
(b) K-12 Local Districts with an ADMr between 23,400.1 and 31,200 shall have three votes.
(c) K-12 Local Districts with an ADMr between 31,200.1 and 39,000 shall have four votes.
(d) K-12 Local Districts with an ADMr of 39,000.1 or more shall have five votes.

2.5 Process of Approval of Member Resolutions. Generally, members shall approve resolutions annually by ballot vote. Members or the board of directors may submit a resolution for member approval. Such resolutions shall be submitted to the board of directors no later than September ~~30~~15. The board of directors shall distribute all timely submitted resolutions, together with an official ballot, to the members no later than October 15. Members shall vote by ballot submitted to the board of directors no later than December 15.

2.6 Regional Election of Directors and LPC Members.

2.6.1 Regional Voting. For the purposes of nominating and electing the board of directors and LPC members, the Association members shall be organized into and represented by region:

(a) Eastern Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Baker, Grant, Malheur, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler.
(b) Gorge Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, and Wasco.
(c) Central Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson.
(d) Southeast Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Harney, Klamath, and Lake.
(e) Southern Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Jackson and Josephine.
(f) Lane Region includes all of the members located in the county of Lane.
(g) Clackamas Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Clackamas and Hood River.
(h) Douglas/South Coast Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Coos, Curry, and Douglas.
(i) Linn, Benton, Lincoln Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Benton, Lincoln, and Linn.
(j) Marion Region includes all of the members located in the county of Marion.
(k) Yamhill, Polk Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Polk and Yamhill.
(l) North Coast Region includes all of the members located in the counties of Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook.
(m) Washington Region includes all of the members located in the county of Washington.
(n) Multnomah Region includes all of the members located in the county of Multnomah.

2.6.2 Members shall be assigned to the region in which their main administrative office is located. If a member~~'s district boundaries span~~ has a main administrative office in more than one region, the member board must declare which region it intends to vote and shall vote only in that region.

2.6.3 Regional elections shall be determined by a majority of votes cast by members within the region.

2.7 Modification of Regions. A formal review of the regional organizations described in Section 2.6.1 shall be conducted by the board of directors at least every ~~three~~five years commencing with 2017. Any recommended changes to the regional organization shall be submitted to the members in the form of a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.5.

2.8 Annual Meetings. ~~An annual meeting of members shall be held in November of each year unless a different date or time is fixed by the board of directors and stated in the notice of the meeting. Failure to hold an annual meeting on the stated date shall not affect the validity of any corporate action. At the annual meeting,~~ An annual meeting of members will be held each calendar year on a date and time and in a manner fixed by the board of directors and stated in the notice of the meeting. At the annual meeting, the president and secretary-treasurer of the board of directors

and any other officer or person whom the president may designate, shall report on the state of the Association, its activities, and its financial condition.

2.9 **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of members shall be held upon the call of the president or 25 percent of the board of directors. All members shall be officially notified of a special meeting by written notice, mailed via U.S. mail or electronic mail, to all members at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall include a description of all agenda items and any matters to be voted upon by the members, the place and time of the meeting, and instructions describing the method by which members can participate by telephone or video. Notice shall also comply with all procedures and include any information as required by ORS Chapter 192.

2.10 **Telephonic/Video Meetings.** The board of directors may permit any member to participate in any annual or special meeting of the membership, or conduct the meetings through the use of any means of communication by which all persons participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A member participating in the meeting by this means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

2.11 **Place of Meetings.** Meetings of the members shall be held at any place, in Oregon, designated by the board of directors. If a meeting place is not designated by the board of directors, the meeting shall be held at the Association's principal office.

2.12 **Action by Written Ballot.** Any action required of the members will be taken by written ballot, and the Association will deliver a written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter. Once delivered, a written ballot may not be revoked.

2.13 **Quorum.** A quorum of the members shall consist of a majority of members in good standing at the time the ballots are to be returned to the A~~a~~ssociation. If there is more than one item on a single ballot, the returned ballot will count towards establishing a quorum for each item on the ballot. A blank ballot or a ballot with an abstention counts for purposes of establishing a quorum if it is returned to the association.

2.14 **Approval.** With the exception of approving amendments to the Association's bylaws as outlined in Section 8.1, and with the exception of regional elections outlined in 2.6.3, approval of an item by written ballot is effective at the end of the voting period when:

(a) T~~he number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds a quorum of the members~~ A quorum is established pursuant to Section 2.13; and

(b) The number of ~~approvals equals or exceeds a majority of the number of returned ballots~~"yes" votes exceeds the number of "no" votes for the item.

An abstention or a blank ballot returned to the association does not count as a "yes" or "no" vote.

SECTION 3 DIRECTORS

3.1 **Powers.** Except as provided under Section 2.3, all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the board of directors. The board of directors shall adopt policies defining specific obligations of the board of directors.

3.2 **Qualifications.** Directors must serve on the board of a member of the Association throughout the duration of their term, with the exception of the director serving as past president.

3.3 **Number.** The board of directors shall consist of not fewer than three nor more than 25 persons. The number of directors may be fixed or changed periodically, within the minimum and maximum, by the members.

3.4 **Term.** Directors shall take office on January 1 and shall serve for a term of two calendar years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms shall be staggered as per the election calendar.

3.4.1 Directors who took office prior to January 1, 2018, and are re-elected may serve for any number of terms as long as they continuously remain members of the board of directors.

3.4.2 Directors taking office on or after January 1, 2018, may serve five consecutive two-year terms and, if eligible, may rerun after a two-year hiatus.

3.4.3 If a director serving as immediate past president requires additional time beyond the term limits outlined above, the term limits will be held in abeyance to allow the director to complete their term as immediate past president.

3.5 **Composition.** The board of directors will be comprised of up to 22 regionally elected directors and:

(a) Until June 30, 2027, ~~,~~ one designated director as defined in the bylaws of the Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus, and one designated director as defined in the bylaws of the Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus.

(b) Effective July 1, 2027, ~~and~~ two designated directors from the Caucus Council appointed pursuant to the operating procedures of the Caucus Council. Directors designated by the Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus and the Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus as of June 30, 2027, shall continue as directors until the Caucus Council designates its first two directors pursuant to this paragraph or until December 31, 2027, whichever occurs first.

3.5.1 Regional Elected Directors. Each region, as described under Section 2.6.1, shall elect one director except as follows:

(a) Clackamas Region shall elect two directors;
(b) Marion Region shall elect two directors;
(c) Washington Region shall elect three directors; and
(d) Multnomah Region shall elect three directors.
(e) If the president or immediate past president of the board of directors is a representative director from a region that elects only one director, that region shall elect an additional director or directors to serve for the duration of the president and/or the immediate past president's term.

3.5.2 Regional Election.

(a) The nomination and election of directors shall be in accordance with the elections calendar annually adopted by the board. The board of directors shall distribute notice

of position vacancies, candidate information packets, and official nomination forms to all incumbent directors and members in electing regions.

(b) Each regional candidate for a director position shall be nominated by a member within the region by means of a nomination form. To nominate a director candidate, one or more of the members in the region must timely submit to the board of directors a formal resolution or motion of the member and the completed nomination form(s). Nominations in regions where there is more than one open director position shall indicate the numbered position for which the nomination is being submitted.

(c) Each member in a region shall have one vote in the regional elections for the board of directors. The director candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast by the members within the region shall be elected.

(d) In cases where there are more than two candidates nominated for any position, and none receives a majority of the votes cast, a second regional ballot shall be required between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes; the one receiving a majority of the votes is elected.

3.5.3 Caucus Council Representatives. In accordance with their ~~bylaws~~operating procedures, the ~~caucuses of OSBA shall~~ Caucus Council may appoint ~~a~~ up to two representatives of the Caucus Council to serve as a directors of the Association. The representatives must be an elected or appointed member of any public board of education in Oregon that is an active member in good standing with the Association. All Association bylaws and policies shall apply to the designated representative serving as the Caucus Council~~'~~ directors of the Association.

If the president or immediate past president of the board of directors is a representative director from ~~a caucus~~ the Caucus Council, then the ~~c~~Caucus Council shall elect an additional director to serve for the duration of the president and/or the immediate past president's term.

3.5.4 ~~Ex-Officio~~Advisors. The board of directors may designate ~~following individuals or their designee may serve as ex-officio,~~ nonvoting, advisors to the board of directors by resolution, for such purposes and such duration as is specified in the resolution.~~:~~

~~(a) Any director of the National School Boards Association elected from Oregon;~~
~~(b) The Executive Director of the Coalition of School Administrators;~~
~~(c) The Chair-Elect of the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts;~~
~~(f) The board president of the Oregon Community College Association;~~
~~(g) The chair of the State Board of Education; and~~
~~(h) Any other person that the board of directors may appoint.~~

~~Ex-officio a~~Advisors do not vote and do not attend executive sessions of the board of directors unless they hold a separate position that entitles them to attend executive session, or they are invited to attend by the board of directors.

~~Ex-officio a~~Advisors are not eligible for travel reimbursement from OSBA unless they hold a separate position for which travel reimbursement is provided.

3.6 **Vacancies.** In the event that any director position~~, other than the president or immediate past president serving as a second director for a region as set out in Section 3.5.1(e),~~ is vacant during the term of office, the remaining directors may appoint an interim director from the same region to serve until December 31 of the same year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a vacated director position will not be filled if it is an additional director position created pursuant to Section 3.5.1(e) and the president or immediate past president is no longer from the region or Caucus Council position to which the position is assigned.

~~If the board of directors cannot recruit a candidate from the region, they may appoint a person from a contiguous region to serve as director representing the open region. An individual appointed as a director from a contiguous region is not eligible to serve as an officer of the board.~~

All appointed interim directors must run for regional election during the next election cycle following appointment in order to be eligible to continue service on the board of directors past December 31 of the election year. The members shall elect, using the procedures in Section 3.5.2, an interim director to serve from January 1 of the next year until the end of the remaining term.

If there is a vacancy in an OSBA ~~c~~Caucus Council-designated director position, then the ~~c~~Caucus Council shall, as set forth in Section 3.5.3, appoint a new ~~caucus~~ representative to serve the remaining term.

3.7 **Resignation.** A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the president or the secretary. A resignation is effective when notice is effective under ORS 65.034 unless the notice specifies a later effective date. Once delivered, a notice of resignation is irrevocable unless revocation is permitted by the board of directors.

3.8 **Removal.** A director may be removed for cause by vote of two-thirds majority of the directors. A director may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the members who elected the director. The board may provide guidance or adopt and amend policies regarding what types of actions the board considers to be sufficient cause for removal.

3.9 **Regular Meetings.** An annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of members. The board of directors may schedule additional regular meetings to occur during a calendar year. All other meetings are special meetings.

3.10 **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the board of directors may be called by the president or the president-elect or 20 percent of the board of directors. All directors shall be officially notified of a special meeting by written notice delivered personally, by telephone, or electronic mail at least 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall include a description of all agenda items and any matters to be voted upon by the directors, the place and time of the meeting, and instructions describing the method by which directors can participate by telephone or video. No matter may be considered at a special meeting other than the matter(s) specified in the notice.

3.11 **Place of Meetings.** The board of directors may hold annual, regular, or special meetings at any location in the State of Oregon.

3.12 **Telephonic/Video Meetings.** The board of directors may conduct meetings ~~through the use of~~using any means of communication by which all persons participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in the meeting by this means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

3.13 **Notice of Meetings.** All directors shall be officially notified of a special meeting by written notice delivered ~~personally,~~ by ~~telephone or~~ electronic mail to all directors at least 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall include a description of all agenda items and any matters to be voted upon by the directors, the place and time of the meeting, and instructions describing the method by which directors can participate by telephone or video. Notice of meetings shall comply with all procedures and include any information as required by ORS Chapter 192.

3.14 **Waiver of Notice.** A director may at any time waive any notice required by these bylaws. A director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the director of the meeting unless the director, at the beginning of the meeting or promptly upon the director's arrival, objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, any waiver must be in writing, must be signed by the director entitled to the notice, must specify the meeting for which the notice is waived, and must be filed with the minutes or the corporate records.

3.15 **Quorum.** A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of a majority of the number of directors in office at the time the meeting begins.

3.16 **Voting.** If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present when the action is taken is the act of the board of directors except to the extent that the articles of incorporation, these bylaws, or applicable law require the vote of a greater number of directors.

3.17 **Presumption of Assent.** A director who is present at a meeting of the board of directors when corporate action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless:

(a) The director objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon the director's arrival, to holding the meeting or transacting the business at the meeting; and
(b) The director's dissent from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting.

3.18 **Compensation.** Directors and members of committees may receive reimbursement of such expenses as may be determined by resolution or policy of the board of directors to be just and reasonable. Directors shall not otherwise be compensated for service in their capacity as directors.

3.19 **Director Conflict of Interest.** The Association shall maintain a Conflict of Interest policy, the terms of which comply with ORS 65.361 and ORS Chapter 244. The board of directors shall annually review and notify the directors of the current Conflict of Interest policy.

SECTION 4 COMMITTEES AND CAUCUS~~ES~~ COUNCIL

4.1 Standing Committees. The board of directors shall maintain the standing committees described below:

4.1.1 Executive Committee. The executive committee shall consist of the five officers of the board of directors: the president as chair and as an ex-officio voting member pursuant to section 5.7.1 of the Bylaws, the president-elect, the vice president, the secretary-treasurer, and the immediate past president. The executive committee is delegated authority to act in place and instead of the board of directors between board meetings on all matters except those specifically reserved to the board under the terms of the bylaws. Actions of the executive committee shall be reported to the board of directors on a timeframe consistent with the seriousness and urgency of the matter and within two weeks if practicable. Additionally, executive committee actions will be reported at the next regular board meeting.

4.1.2 Finance Committee. The finance committee shall be appointed by the president and shall be composed of members from Oregon public school districts, education service districts, and community colleges with boards that meet all criteria to be Association voting members. The members shall include, but are not limited to, the President as an ex-officio voting member pursuant to section 5.7.1 of the Bylaws, the Association secretary/treasurer and vice president, one trustee from the PACE board, one district business official, and one at-large board member. Additionally, the Caucus Council may recommend one Caucus Council member to serve on the Finance committee pursuant to its operating procedures.

The trustee from the PACE board is recommended by the PACE Board of trustees, appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Board, and will serve a two-year term~~, with no term limits~~. The Caucus Council designee is recommended by the Caucus Council, appointed by the President, subject to the approval by the Board, and will serve a two-year term. The district business official and the at-large board member will be recommended by OSBA staff, appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Board, will serve two-year terms.~~,~~ Finance committee members taking office prior to January 1, 2027, shall have ~~with~~ no term limits, and staggered start dates starting in January. Finance committee members taking office on or after January 1, 2027, may serve five consecutive two-year terms and, if eligible, may be re-appointed after a two-year hiatus.~~,~~ Finance committee members shall have ~~and~~ staggered start dates starting in January.

The finance committee shall operate within the corporation's investment guidelines and the Finance Committee Operating Guidelines.

4.1.3 Legislative Policy Committee. The board of directors shall maintain a Legislative Policy Committee ("LPC").

(a) Purpose. The LPC shall develop legislative policies which are recommended to and approved by the members as a resolution proposed by the board of directors and voted on by the membership in accordance with Section 2.4 and 2.5. The LPC also advises the OSBA E~~e~~xecutive D~~d~~irector and staff during legislative sessions.

(b) Composition. The LPC shall be composed of the voting members of the board of directors who choose to participate, the President as an ex-officio voting member pursuant to section 5.7.1 of the Bylaws, the executive committee members, the regional representatives elected under the procedures defined in Section 4.1.3(c) - (e),

and ~~one~~ designated voting members as defined in the operating procedures ~~bylaws~~ of the ~~Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus and one designated voting member as defined in the bylaws of the Oregon Rural School Board Members~~ Caucus Council pursuant to its operating procedures and this section 4.1.3(b). The board of directors will determine the number of members appointed by the Caucus Council. The Caucus Council appointees are recommended by the Caucus Council, appointed by the OSBA President, subject to the approval by the board of directors, and will serve two-year terms. ~~All committee members must be elected or appointed directors of a member as defined in Section 2.1.~~ The vice president of the board of directors shall chair the LPC.

(c) Qualifications. ~~LPC representatives must serve on the board of a member of the Association throughout the duration of their term.~~ All committee members must be elected or appointed directors of a member as defined in Section 2.1 for the duration of their service on the LPC.

(d) Nomination. The board of directors shall cause the nomination form to be distributed to all members in eligible regions. To nominate a candidate to the LPC, one or more of the members in the region must timely submit to the board of directors a formal resolution or motion and the completed nomination form(s). Nominations in regions where there is more than one representative position shall indicate the numbered position for which the nomination is being submitted. The nomination and election of the LPC representatives shall be in accordance with the elections calendar adopted by the board.

(e) Election. Each member in a region shall have one vote in the regional elections for the LPC representative. The LPC candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast by the members within the region shall be elected. Each region shall elect the number of LPC members as described in Section 3.5, without regard to Section 3.5.1(e). Such elections shall be held using the procedures described in Section 3.5.2.

(f) Term. Each committee member shall take office on January 1 in even numbered years and serve for a term of two years. Committee members may serve five consecutive two-year terms, and, if eligible, may be returned to the committee after a two-year hiatus.

~~(f)~~(g) Vacancies. In the event that there is a vacancy on the LPC, the board of directors may appoint an interim LPC member from the same region to fill the unexpired term of office. If the board of directors cannot recruit an LPC member from the region, they may appoint a person from a contiguous region to serve to represent the open region to fill the unexpired term of office.

4.2 Other Board Committees. The board of directors may create one or more committees of the board of directors and appoint directors and representatives of members to serve on such committee. The creation of a committee and the appointment of directors and member representatives to the committee must be approved by a majority of all directors in office when the action is taken. The provisions of these bylaws governing meetings, action without meetings, notice and waiver of notice, and quorum and voting requirements of the board of directors shall apply to committees and their members as well. Committees of the board of directors may, to the extent specified by the board of directors, exercise the authority of the board of directors, provided that no committee of the board of directors may:

(a) Authorize distributions, provided that this restriction does not apply to payment of value for property received or services performed or payment of benefits in furtherance of the Association's purposes;
(b) Approve or recommend dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge, or transfer of all or substantially all of the Association's assets;
(c) Elect, appoint, or remove directors or fill vacancies on the board or on any of its committees; or
(d) Adopt, amend, or repeal the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

4.3 **Advisory Committees.** The board of directors may create one or more other committees. Members of these committees need not be members or directors, but at least one director shall serve on each such committee. These committees shall have no power to act on behalf of, or to exercise the authority of, the board of directors, but may make recommendations to the board of directors.

4.4 **Caucus Councile~~s~~.** The Caucus Councile~~s~~ shall exist to enhance the work of the Association by addressing the unique needs of ~~member districts~~ school board members.

4.4.1 The Caucus Councile~~s~~ shall clearly articulate the vision, mission, and goals of the ~~Caucus~~Council.
4.4.2 The Caucus Councile~~s~~ shall adopt operating procedures ~~bylaws~~ for operating, programming, and governing within the context of the Association bylaws described herein.
4.4.3 The Caucus Councile~~s~~ shall comply with Association policies and guidelines.
4.4.4 The Caucus Council shall consist of one representative from each caucus established by the OSBA Executive Director. The OSBA Executive Director will establish caucuses based on criteria established by the OSBA Executive Director in support of OSBA's vision, mission, and goals. Each established caucus may recommend one member to serve on the Caucus Council subject to approval of the OSBA board of directors.~~es shall be added or eliminated to this provision through the bylaw's amendment process described in Section 8.1~~.
4.4.5 The Caucus Council budget shall be established by the board of directors.
4.4.6~~5~~ The Caucus Councile~~s~~ shall submit an end of fiscal year report to the board of directors that includes the following:

~~(a) The Caucus is meeting regularly;~~
(b) An accounting of the prior year's budget allocation;
(c) Identified officers and current ~~bylaws~~operating procedures;
(d) A summary of the Caucus Council's current goals, the prior year's Caucus Council activities that support those goals, and how the Caucus Council goals align with the mission, vision, and goals of OSBA.

The end of fiscal year report will be submitted to the board of directors at the first regularly scheduled board of directors meeting following the end of the fiscal year.

4.4.6 ~~The Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus was established by a vote of the membership in 2018.~~
~~4.4.7 The Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus was established by a vote of the membership in 2023.~~ The Caucus Council was established by a vote of the membership in 2026, effective ~~and shall take effect on~~ July 1, 2027.

4.5 **Administration.** Each committee and the ~~c~~Caucus Council shall prepare minutes of each of its meetings, and such minutes shall be kept on file at the Association's principal office and made available on request to any member of the board of directors. Each committee and the C~~c~~aucus Council shall also report on its activities at the regular meetings of the board of directors. Each committee and the C~~c~~aucus Council shall comply with the public meetings laws requirements ~~under~~ of ORS Chapter 192.

SECTION 5 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 **Eligibility.** Effective January 1, 2026, to hold an officer position on the board of directors other than the immediate past president, candidates and officers must be a voting member of the OSBA Board of Directors.

5.2 **Appointment.** The board of directors shall elect officers by majority vote prior to the November member meeting. In cases where there are more than two candidates nominated for any position, and none receives a majority of the votes, a second ballot shall be required between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The one receiving a majority of the votes is elected.

5.3 **Designation.** The officers of the Association shall be a president, president-elect, past president, vice president, a secretary-treasurer, and such other officers as the board of directors may appoint.

5.4 **Term of Office.** Officer terms are one calendar year. No officer, except the secretary-treasurer, shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office, unless the director completes the term of another officer who was unable to complete their term, and is then voted into the same position the following year. The secretary-treasurer may serve up to two consecutive one-year terms. If an officer's position on the board is up for reelection by their region or redesignation by the Caucus Council, the officer must be reelected by their region or redesignated by the Caucus Council to continue serving in their officer position unless the officer position is the immediate past president. ~~Caucus Council directors serving in officer positions must continue to be recommended by the Caucus Council in accordance with their operating procedures.~~

5.5 **Compensation.** Officers may receive reimbursement of such expenses as may be determined by resolution of the board of directors to be just and reasonable. Officers shall not otherwise be compensated for service in their capacity as officers.

5.6 **Removal and Resignation.** Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time by action of the board of directors. An officer may resign at any time by delivering notice to the board of directors, the president, or the secretary-treasurer. A resignation is effective when the notice is effective under ORS 65.034 unless the notice specifies a later effective date. If a resignation is made effective at a later date and the Association accepts the later effective date, the board of directors may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date if the board of directors provides that the successor does not take office until the effective date. Once delivered, a notice of resignation is irrevocable unless revocation is permitted by the board of directors. No removal or resignation shall prejudice the rights of any party under a contract of employment.

5.7 **Officers.** The officers of the Association are as follows:

5.7.1 President: The president shall preside at all member meetings of the Association and of the board of directors; shall appoint any committee positions not otherwise designated in these bylaws or OSBA adopted policy, subject to the approval of the board of directors; shall call all regular and special meetings as provided herein; shall be an ex-officio voting member of all committees established under sections 4.1 and 4.2 of these bylaws. The president shall automatically serve as immediate past president for the following term. The president serves for a term of one calendar year.

5.7.2 President-elect: In the absence of the president, the president-elect shall assume the powers and duties of the president, and when a vacancy occurs in the office of president, shall serve in that capacity for the remainder of the term. The president-elect shall automatically serve as president for the following term, even if required to fill an uncompleted term as president. In addition, the president-elect shall assume duties related to the oversight of Association member elections and resolutions processes and such other administrative duties as are assigned by the president. The president-elect serves for a term of one calendar year.

5.7.3 Vice president: In the absence of the president-elect, the vice president shall assume the powers and duties of the president-elect. The vice president shall also serve as the chair of the LPC. The vice president serves for one calendar year.

5.7.4 Secretary-treasurer: The secretary-treasurer shall be responsible for keeping accurate minutes of all board of director meetings in electronic format in accordance with OSBA's record retention schedule; shall carry on official correspondence of the Association; shall arrange for proper banking facilities; shall receive, account for, and disburse funds in a businesslike manner as provided for by the board of directors; shall see that the minutes of the previous meetings are approved by the board of directors; and shall give an itemized and detailed report of the financial condition of the Association at each annual meeting and at such other times as may be required by the board of directors. Such duties of the secretary-treasurer as may be specified by the board of directors may be delegated to the OSBA E~~e~~xecutive D~~d~~irector or a designated member of the staff. The secretary-treasurer serves for a term of one calendar year.

5.7.5 Immediate past president: The immediate past president shall advise and counsel other officers. The immediate past president chairs the officer succession planning process. The past president serves for one calendar year.

SECTION 6 NONDISCRIMINATION

The Association shall not discriminate in providing services, hiring employees, or otherwise, upon the basis of gender identity, race, creed, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, religion, color, age, disability, or national origin.

SECTION 7 OSBA PROPERTY AND CASUALTY FOR EDUCATION TRUST

The board of directors shall appoint the trustees of the OSBA Property and Casualty Coverage for Education Trust ("PACE") as provided in the PACE Restated Trust Agreement. It is the policy of OSBA with respect to PACE trustees taking office on or after January 1, 2023, that such trustees will be appointed to no more than three consecutive three-year terms and, if eligible, may return after a one-year hiatus.

SECTION 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Amendment of Bylaws.

8.1.1 Amendments to the bylaws may be initiated by the board of directors or submitted by a member to the board of directors.

8.1.2 The board of directors shall provide written notice to the members containing a statement that the members will be asked to approve the amendment and a copy of the proposed amended bylaws.

8.1.3 Action by Written Ballot: The Association will deliver a written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter. The ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action and specify a reasonable time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted. Once delivered, a ballot may not be revoked.

8.1.4 Approval: Approval by written ballot shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds a quorum of the members, and the number of approvals equals or exceeds two-thirds majority of the number of the returned ballots.

8.1.5 Quorum: A quorum of the members shall consist of a majority of members in good standing at the time the ballots are to be returned to the Association.

8.1.6 Whenever an amendment or new bylaw is adopted, it shall be saved in electronic format in accordance with OSBA's record retention schedule with the original bylaws in the appropriate place. If any bylaw is repealed, the fact of repeal and the date on which the repeal occurred shall be stated in such book and place.

8.2 Inspection of Books and Records. All books, records, and accounts of the Association shall be open to inspection by the directors in the manner and to the extent required by law.

8.3 Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts, and other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of or payable to the Association shall be signed or endorsed by such person or persons and in such manner as shall be determined by resolution of the board of directors.

8.4 Deposits. All funds of the Association not otherwise employed shall be deposited to the credit of the Association in those banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the board of directors or officers of the Association designated by the board of directors select, or be invested as authorized by the board of directors.

8.5 Loans or Guarantees. The Association shall not borrow money and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the board of directors. This authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Except as explicitly permitted by ORS 65.364, the Association shall not make a loan, guarantee an obligation, or modify a pre-existing loan or guarantee to or for the benefit of a director or officer of the Association.

8.6 Execution of Documents. The board of directors may, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the board of directors, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power

or authority to bind the Association by any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

8.7 Insurance. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual against liability asserted against or incurred by the individual who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, or who, while a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic business or nonprofit corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise; provided, however, that the Association may not purchase or maintain such insurance to indemnify any director, officer, or agent of the Association in connection with any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, officer, or agent in which the director, officer, or agent was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the director, officer, or agent.

8.8 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each year.

8.9 Severability. A determination that any provision of these bylaws is for any reason inapplicable, invalid, illegal, or otherwise ineffective shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of these bylaws.

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The foregoing bylaws were approved by the membership of the Oregon School Boards Association on December 15, 2024. The original bylaws were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of OSBA on September 15, 2017, and approved by the membership on December 15, 2017, then amended and adopted on December 14, 2018; December 15, 2023; December 15, 2024.

UMATILLA SCHOOL BOARD. THE FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION 1 IS PART OF ONLINE BOARD BOOK. NOT PRINTED BECAUSE OF AMMOUNT OF PAPER REQUIRED. -EEO

2026 OSBA BYLAWS BALLOT MEASURE

OSBA Governance Changes

A summary for member boards: what would change, why, and what comes next

To OSBA member boards,

In 2026, OSBA's Board Governance Committee led a review of how the association is governed. On September 19, 2026, the OSBA Board of Directors adopted a resolution to amend the OSBA Bylaws and referred it to you, our members, for a vote during the 2026 election cycle.

This summary explains what the amendments would change, why, and what would stay the same. The bylaws set the overall framework. Many supporting details would be worked out afterward through Board policy and operating procedures, with input from the people most affected. Each section lists those open details and who will decide them.

Each member board will vote on the amended bylaws as a single ballot measure. Approval requires two-thirds of returned ballots. The full text of the Board's resolution is included in the voting packet.

We encourage every member board to read the "At a Glance" page and discuss it before voting.

OSBA Board Governance Committee

At a Glance

The ballot measure contains four central changes, plus several smaller technical updates described later in this summary.

THE FOUR CENTRAL CHANGES

1

Ex-officio advisor seats. Would end the standing list of named,non-voting advisors on the Board. The Board could still invite advisors when needed.

2

Caucuses. Caucuses would advise the executive director instead of the Board. The executive director would establish caucuses using criteria the Board sets in policy. Today, adding or removing a caucus requires a member vote to amend the bylaws.

3

Caucus Council. Would create a new Caucus Council, with one representative from each caucus, to advise the Board. The two caucus seats on the Board would become two seats filled by the Board on the Council's recommendation. The Council would also have new pathways to additional leadership.

4

Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). Board members would choose whether to serve on the LPC instead of being required to. The Caucus Council would also have LPC seats (number determined in policy).

WHAT IS NOT CHANGING

Board size. The Board would keep up to 25 voting directors: up to 22 elected by region, plus 2 recommended by the Caucus Council.

Caucus seats during the transition. The two established caucuses would keep their Board seats until the new Caucus Council directors are appointed, or until the end of 2027, whichever comes first.

Caucus voice in governance. Caucuses would continue to have a path to leadership through the two Caucus Council seats and committee seats.

Board oversight of funding. The Board would continue to set caucus funding through the annual budget.

Why these changes

Members told us that the Board's size, unclear roles, and confusion between governance and advocacy are the biggest barriers to an effective Board. These changes are a first, measured step. The Governance Committee will review their impact after one year before recommending anything further, including any change to Board size.

Background

How the review was done

As part of OSBA's regular governance review cycle, the Board engaged Coraggio Group in 2026 to assess OSBA's governance structure. The assessment gathered input from:

188 survey respondents, 12 stakeholder interviews, and 7 focus groups, representing the Board, staff, member districts of every size, the caucuses, and the PRIDE Advisory Committee

A review of school board association bylaws in more than 30 states

Coraggio Group reported its findings in June 2026. The Governance Committee then held a design retreat on August 3, recommended bylaws amendments on August 24, and the Board adopted and took action to refer them to the membership on September 19.

Guiding principles

Four principles, set at the start of the review, shaped which changes moved forward:

Efficiency

Design structures that make purposeful use of staff resources and board member time. Every committee, caucus, and process should add clear value.

Effectiveness

Ensure governance structures enable the board to fulfill its core responsibilities: strategic oversight, policy governance, fiduciary accountability, and organizational leadership.

Engagement

Ensure boards as entities have genuine opportunities to participate and inform decisions without creating administrative burden or unnecessary complexity.

Representation

Balance representation between boards as fundamental units and districts serving larger student populations, ensuring all member voices carry appropriate weight while maintaining geographic practicality.

What we heard

- Board size was named by every member group as the greatest opportunity to improve efficiency, and **69%** of Board and staff respondents named it as a structure that should be re-evaluated.
- Confusion between governance and advocacy was the most-cited barrier to Board effectiveness (**29%** of all respondents), followed by unclear roles (**26%**).
- Board and staff rated the Board's understanding of OSBA's Board work **2.6 out of 5**, though they rated orientation **3.9**.
- The non-voting ex-officio seats were rated the least active and least impactful Board roles. **39%** of Board and staff respondents flagged them.
- Both caucuses and the advisory committee received below-target effectiveness ratings. Members of each group flagged their own group's structure for re-evaluation: **69%** of advisory committee respondents, **63%** of Rural Caucus respondents, and **56%** of Members of Color Caucus respondents flagged their own body's structure for re-evaluation.

The Four Central Changes

1. Ex-officio advisor seats

TODAY

Up to 25 voting directors: 22 elected by region, plus one from the Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus and one from the Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus. The bylaws cap the Board at 25 voting persons (Sec. 3.3).

Five named, non-voting ex-officio advisors: an NSBA director elected from Oregon; the executive director of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators; the chair-elect of the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts; the board president of the Oregon Community College Association; and the chair of the State Board of Education.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE

The named list of ex-officio advisors would be removed.

The Board could designate non-voting ex-officio advisors as needed (Sec. 3.5.4).

WHY

The ex-officio role and its relationship to the Board were never clearly defined. These seats were rated the least active and least impactful Board roles, and 39% of Board and staff respondents flagged them. Peer state associations seat 14 to 19 voting directors; OSBA seats up to 25.

2. Caucuses would advise the executive director

TODAY

Two caucuses are named in the bylaws: the Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus and the Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus.

Each holds a guaranteed Board seat and LPC seat and advises the Board directly.

A caucus can be created or eliminated only by a bylaws amendment approved by members.

The PRIDE Advisory Committee is not named in the bylaws. It advises the Board and has no guaranteed Board or LPC seat.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE

The executive director would establish caucuses that support OSBA's vision, mission, and goals, following criteria the Board adopts in policy.

Caucuses would advise the executive director instead of the Board. The Caucuses would no longer be approved by the membership.

The two current caucuses would no longer be named in the bylaws. The expectation is that they would be re-established under the new framework, but that would happen through policy, not through this ballot measure.

The PRIDE Advisory Committee is not addressed in the bylaws, so this measure has no immediate effect on its status. Any change would come through Board policy.

Staff support would be defined in caucus operating procedures and an executive director framework rather than in the bylaws.

The Board would continue to evaluate the executive director, providing accountability for groups that report to that position.

WHY

Today the two caucuses and the advisory committee have different budgets, seats, authority, and resources. A single framework would give every caucus the same pathway and the same rules.

Reporting to the executive director would connect caucuses more directly to OSBA staff and day-to-day operations, providing greater flexibility in how they conduct their work while supporting effective coordination and implementation.

STILL TO BE DECIDED

- Criteria and safeguards for establishing a caucus, grounds for dissolving one, and an appeal to the Board if a caucus request is denied or is dissolved (OSBA Policy Committee)
- How caucus leaders are selected, how long they serve, and how leadership rotates (caucus operating procedures)
- What staff provide to caucuses and how staff take part in their meetings (caucus operating procedures and executive director framework)
- How Oregon public meetings law applies to caucus meetings (OSBA Policy Committee, with legal review)

3. A new Caucus Council, and caucus seats on the Board

TODAY

Each of the two caucuses designates one voting director to the Board and Legislative Policy Committee.

Each caucus manages its own budget.

Adding a caucus adds a seat on both the Board and the LPC.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE

A new Caucus Council, advisory to the Board, composed of one Board-approved representative from each caucus, (Sec. 4.4.4).

The Council would recommend two people for the Board to appoint as full voting directors (Secs. 3.5, 3.5.3). These replace the two current caucus seats.

The Council would have the option to recommend a Finance Committee member, LPC members, and members to other Board committees. Recommendations would be subject to the approval of the Board.

The Council would adopt operating procedures (Sec. 4.4.2), keep minutes, report at Board meetings, follow public meetings law (Sec. 4.5), and file a year-end report (Sec. 4.4.6).

The Board would set the Council's budget (Sec. 4.4.5), as it sets caucus budgets today.

New caucuses would join the Council without adding Board seats.

Filling seats and the transition

Officer overlap. If the president or immediate past president is a Caucus Council director, the Council would select an additional director for that term (Sec. 3.5.3).

Start date. The new structure would take effect July 1, 2027, to allow time to develop the supporting policies and procedures

Transition. The two current caucus directors would keep their seats until the Board appoints the two Council directors, or until the end of 2027, whichever comes first.

WHY

One Council would give every caucus, current and future, the same pathways to leadership. The Council structure allows new caucuses to be added without expanding the Board or revising the bylaws each time a caucus is created. This provides greater flexibility while addressing member concerns about Board size.

STILL TO BE DECIDED

- The Council's operating procedures, including how it selects candidates for its two Board seats (OSBA Policy Committee)
- How Caucus Council budget is distributed to individual Caucuses (Caucus Council)

4. Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

TODAY

Members: all voting Board members, elected regional representatives (Sec. 4.1.3(c)–(e)), the President as an ex-officio voting member, and one designee from each caucus.

Board policy (Policy 2100) requires every director to serve on the LPC.

The bylaws set two-year terms for LPC seats, with terms starting in January 1 of even-numbered years.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE

Members: Board members who choose to serve; the president (ex officio, voting); all Executive Committee members (required to serve); elected regional representatives; and members recommended by the Caucus Council (Sec. 4.1.3(b)).

Two-year terms starting January 1 of even-numbered years, with members being limited to up to five consecutive terms, then eligible again after a two-year break (Sec. 4.1.3(f)).

WHY

Requiring every director to serve on the LPC blurred the line between governance and advocacy, the barrier to effectiveness respondents named most often. Voluntary service would place directors on the LPC who are ready and have capacity for the advocacy role. Term limits would create predictable rotation and new leadership pathways. Seating Council designees would keep caucus representation on the LPC through one consistent process.

STILL TO BE DECIDED

- How directors indicate interest in LPC service, and how seats are filled (OSBA Policy Committee)
- How many Caucus Council designees serve on the LPC (Board and Caucus Council)
- How current members, and directors who join mid-cycle, move into the new term cycle (OSBA Policy Committee)

Other Changes on the Same Ballot

These technical updates are part of the same ballot measure. Items already covered above are noted, not repeated.

CHANGE	WHAT IT DOES
Resolution deadline (2.5)	Moves the deadline for submitting resolutions to the Board from September 30 to September 15.
Region declaration (2.6.2)	Clarifies that if a member has a main administrative office in more than one region, the member must declare which region it intends to vote and shall only vote in that region.
Regional review (2.7)	Formal review of OSBA's regions would happen at least every five years instead of every three.
Annual meeting (2.8)	Keeps the annual members' meeting but drops the requirement that it be in person in November. OSBA would still report on its activities and finances at least once a year.
Quorum and approval (2.13, 2.14)	Blank ballots and abstentions would count toward quorum but would not count as "no" votes.
Board vacancies (3.6)	Clarifies that the Board would be able to fill any vacant director seat by appointment, except an extra seat created under Sec. 3.5.1(e) when the president or immediate past president is no longer from that region.
Contiguous regions (3.6)	Ends the option of appointing a director from a neighboring region. Directors would have to come from the region they represent.
Finance Committee term limits (4.1.2)	Members starting on or after January 1, 2027, would be able to serve five consecutive two-year terms, then return after a two-year break. Current members would not be affected.
Officer reelection (5.4)	Clarifies that an officer (other than the past president) whose Board seat is up for election would have to be reelected by their region to remain an officer.
Also on the ballot	Caucus director transition (3.5.3) and Finance Committee Council designee (4.1.2): see Change 3. LPC terms (4.1.3(f)): see Change 4.

Improvements Already Underway (No Vote Needed)

These improvements fall within the Board's and staff's existing authority. Several are already in progress.

AREA	WHAT IS CHANGING
Onboarding	Written role descriptions at recruitment, mentoring for new directors, and a check-in at six to eight months.
Board and LPC expectations	Written attendance and engagement expectations and a way to track them, applying equally to regional and Caucus Council directors.
Regional director role	Clarifies that regional directors are a point of contact for member boards, not their delegates, and owe their primary duty to the association as a whole as its fiduciaries.
Governance training	Ongoing training on Board, staff, and officer roles, fiduciary duty, and officer eligibility.
Member communication	Clear ownership of member communication, a regular governance digest and legislative updates, and roadshows redesigned for two-way dialogue.
Meetings	In-person sessions for complex decisions and more emphasis on preparation before meetings.

Timeline

June 2026	Coraggio Group delivered governance review report
August 3, 2026	Governance Committee design retreat
August 24, 2026	Governance Committee recommended bylaws amendments
September 19, 2026	Board adopted resolution and referred it to members
2026 election cycle	Member vote Oct. 15 – Dec. 15
January 1, 2027	New Finance Committee term limits apply to incoming members
July 1, 2027	New caucus and Caucus Council structure takes effect
By December 31, 2027	Caucus Council directors seated on the Board
One year after implementation	Governance Committee reviews impact

Umatilla School Board Briefing: Governor's Data Center Permit Pause and Impact to School District

Background

On October 9, 2026, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek directed DEQ to stop processing air and water permits for new or expanded data centers until July 1, 2027. The pause also covers city wastewater permit changes needed to serve data centers, which blocks the City of Umatilla's pending permit work for Sabey. The Governor says the pause protects public health and natural resources while she reviews her Data Center Advisory Committee's recommendations. The City has declared an emergency and is asking for the directive to be reconsidered.

Impacts to the School District (City estimates)

If each project slips about a year, roughly $550,000 in revenue arrives later than planned. About $235,000 in bond relief would also come later, and PDX 260 has no timeline.

Project	Effect of the pause	District revenue affected
Sabey	Occupancy moves from mid-2027 to 2028 or later	$208,600 ($85,000 Student Success Fee + $123,060 Regional Annual Fee) moves from Nov 2028 to 2029 or later; does not help pay the current bond
AWS PDX 194 (Powerline)	4th building can't open	About $235,000 toward the bond in 2028 delayed; annual operating fees not affected
AWS PDX 121 (West Wanapa)	Building permit pushed to summer 2027 or later	$173,060/yr in operating fees delayed about one year; does not help pay the bond
AWS PDX 260 (Powerline, not yet built)	AWS waiting "until the dust settles"	$173,060/yr in operating fees (expected 2029) plus future bond payments delayed indefinitely

Construction excise tax	Construction delayed on about 2.25 campuses	About $600,000 (range $500,000–700,000) delayed; restricted to capital projects

The City also says three prospective investors (about $6B combined, none committed) are now considering other locations. One of them would add over $1B in value to help pay down the bond. These figures come from City Manager Dave Stockdale's emails and have not been independently verified.

Clarifications

- **Bond Tax Rates:** The City expects bond rates to rise in 2027-2029. Our bond was advertised at its full amount, so rates won't rise beyond what was advertised, they just won't drop at the same level we'd hoped. The actual effect is that taxpayers' rates come down more slowly.
- **PDX 121 Timing.** Fees are paid in November after a project gets its occupancy certificate. So the delay is probably from 2028 to 2029. AWS also can't break ground until the tribes (CTUIR) approve a canal relocation, which is unrelated to the pause.
- **PDX 260.** A Pacific Power issue is also holding up this campus, so how much of the delay comes from the pause is unclear.
- **Budgeting:** We do not plan on any of the funds from the various agreements and treat them as yearly grants to ensure we don't risk dependence on them.

City's Request

It is important to note, the City did not reach out and ask for the School District's support. Instead, Supt Sipe saw the Resolution Draft from the City that mentioned impact to the school and reached out for more information before the Council meeting where the Emergency Action was approved. In the response (along with the information above) this request was made: "We could sure use your help in our efforts to get this directive repealed or amended, should Council agree that the impacts constitute an emergency and direct me to do work through remedy options."

CITY OF UMATILLA, OREGON

AGENDA BILL

Agenda Title:	Meeting Date:
TIME CERTAIN: 7:35pm. Resolution No. 15-2027. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Umatilla, Oregon, declaring a Local State of Emergency pursuant to ORS 401.025 and ORS 401.309 due to the threat of widespread financial loss resulting from Governor Tina Kotek's October 9, 2026, Directive to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; establishing Findings of Fact; and authorizing appropriate emergency response measures.	October 20, 2026

Department:	Director:	Contact Person:	Estimated Time:
Administration	David Stockdale	David Stockdale	20 minutes

Cost of Proposal:	Fund(s) Name and Number(s):
n/a Amount Budgeted: n/a	

Reviewed by Finance Department: ☐	Previously Presented:
	n/a

Attachments:

Resolution 15.2027 Declaring a Local State of Emergency

Memo Regarding Governor Kotek's Letter to DEQ dated 10.9.26

Memo Requesting a Declaration of Emergency due to Governor Kotek's Letter to DEQ dated 10.9.26

10.09.26_Governor's Letter to DEQ Data Center Permitting

Summary Statement:

On October 9, 2026, Governor Tina Kotek issued a directive requesting that the Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) suspend the processing and issuance of certain air and water discharge permits associated with new or expanded data center facilities until July 1, 2027. This directive also includes certain municipal wastewater treatment facility permits intended to accommodate data center development. The City has significant concerns regarding the legality of this action, particularly whether such a categorical permitting suspension exceeds DEQ's statutory authority, violates Oregon's Administrative Procedures Act, or infringes upon municipal Home Rule authority. While the City fully supports responsible environmental protection and compliance with all applicable environmental laws, permitting decisions should be based upon established environmental standards and the individual merits of each application rather than an applicant's association with a particular industry.

The potential economic consequences to Umatilla are extraordinary. Preliminary estimates indicate that the Governor's directive threatens to delay more than $5 billion in anticipated private industrial investment, jeopardize at least 1,000 construction jobs and hundreds of permanent employment opportunities, and create construction and operational delays extending two years or longer. The City faces more than $6 million in potential direct financial losses, in addition to millions in delayed Enterprise Zone and other contractual revenues, approximately $12 million in threatened water infrastructure investments, and potential disruptions to anticipated contributions supporting the City's voter-approved Police Station bond and residential property tax relief. Umatilla County, the Umatilla School District, the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District, and the Umatilla Hospital District also face substantial financial consequences. These impacts extend far beyond individual businesses and threaten the financial stability of local governments, essential public services, infrastructure investments, and the broader regional economy.

In response, staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-2027, declaring a Local State of Emergency pursuant to ORS 401.025 and ORS 401.309, based upon the Council's finding that the Governor's directive constitutes a human-created circumstance threatening widespread financial loss. Oregon law expressly recognizes threatened financial loss as a potential basis for an emergency declaration, and the City should not be required to wait until investments are abandoned, jobs are lost, or essential services are compromised before taking action. The proposed Resolution establishes the Council's formal findings, directs a comprehensive economic impact assessment, requests immediate reconsideration of the Governor's directive, and authorizes the City Manager to coordinate with affected governments and legal counsel to pursue appropriate administrative and judicial remedies. Adoption of this Resolution will formally recognize the severity of the threat, protect the City's financial interests, and reaffirm the Council's commitment to responsible economic development, environmental stewardship, and the fair and lawful administration of Oregon's regulatory requirements.

Suggested Action:

I move to adopt Resolution No. 15-2027, declaring a Local State of Emergency.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2027

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, OREGON, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO ORS 401.025 AND ORS 401.309 DUE TO THE THREAT OF WIDESPREAD FINANCIAL LOSS RESULTING FROM GOVERNOR TINA KOTEK'S OCTOBER 9, 2026, DIRECTIVE TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; ESTABLISHING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES.

WHEREAS, ORS 401.025(1) defines an emergency as "a human created or natural event or circumstance that causes or threatens widespread loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss"; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature expressly recognizes that an emergency may arise from human-created circumstances, may involve widespread financial loss, and may exist when such financial loss is threatened rather than already realized; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309(1) authorizes the governing body of an Oregon city to declare, by ordinance or resolution, that a state of emergency exists within its jurisdiction, provided that the duration of the declaration is limited to the period during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to continue; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.032 recognizes the importance of local governmental responsibility in preparing for, responding to, and minimizing the consequences of emergencies, including financial loss; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 2 of the Oregon Constitution recognizes municipal Home Rule authority, subject to applicable state law, and the City Council has a responsibility to protect the economic stability, financial integrity, essential public services, and general welfare of the residents of Umatilla;

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2026, Governor Tina Kotek issued a letter to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Leah Feldon requesting the “pause” (*suspension*) of processing and issuance of certain environmental permits associated with new or expanded data center facilities throughout Oregon until July 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the requested suspension includes National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, Water Pollution Control Facilities (WPCF) permits, Air Contaminant Discharge Permits (ACDP), Title V air quality permits, and certain municipal wastewater treatment facility permit renewals or modifications intended to accommodate data center-related wastewater discharges; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has identified the consideration of future regulatory and legislative changes as a reason for the requested suspension, rather than identifying specific environmental deficiencies applicable to every affected permit application; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office publicly acknowledged on August 7, 2026, and again on September 8, 2026, that the State lacked authority to impose a statewide moratorium on data center development, raising substantial concerns regarding the legal authority for implementing a categorical permitting suspension through administrative action; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes and supports the State's responsibility to protect environmental quality and require compliance with applicable environmental standards, but finds that the proposed categorical suspension raises serious questions concerning statutory authority, the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act, ORS Chapter 183, and the consistent application of environmental permitting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a suspension of otherwise lawful permitting processes based upon an applicant's association with a particular industry, rather than individualized environmental considerations, threatens the predictability and reliability of the regulatory framework upon which municipalities, employers, and taxpayers depend; and

WHEREAS, the City of Umatilla has experienced substantial industrial investment associated with data center development, including four operating facilities, one additional facility under construction, and two additional facilities anticipated under existing enterprise zone agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City has entered into long-term economic development agreements and undertaken substantial infrastructure and financial planning in reasonable reliance upon the continuation of lawful industrial development and established environmental permitting procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's requested permitting suspension threatens to delay an estimated more than $5 billion in anticipated private industrial investment within the Umatilla area, perhaps permanently; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed suspension of nearly nine months could result in construction and operational delays extending up to two years or longer because of financing requirements, construction schedules, equipment procurement and procurement lead-time, contractual commitments, and other development dependencies; and

WHEREAS, these delays threaten at least 1,000 construction employment opportunities, together with hundreds of permanent and related employment opportunities, resulting in potentially substantial losses of wages, household income, contractor revenues, and local economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the threatened financial consequences extend well beyond individual development companies and may adversely affect local businesses, suppliers, contractors, service providers, residents, and other public agencies throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, preliminary and initial financial impact estimations identify substantial potential consequences for the City of Umatilla, including:

- Delays in approximately $1.075 million in anticipated one-time payments associated with Sabey Data Centers;
- Delays in approximately $1.507 million in anticipated annual payments associated with Sabey Data Centers;
- Delays in approximately $2.07 million in anticipated annual payments associated with AWS development scheduled to begin in 2028, with additional payments anticipated in subsequent years;
- Potential cancellation of approximately $12 million in developer-funded water infrastructure improvements;
- Delays in approximately $216,000 annually in anticipated contributions toward the City's voter-approved Police Station bond obligations during 2027 and 2028; and
- An estimated $1 million in additional franchise fee revenues potentially lost during 2028 and 2029; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's preliminary assessment identifies more than $6 million in potential direct financial losses to the City of Umatilla, in addition to substantial deferred revenues, threatened infrastructure investments, and other financial consequences that may extend for multiple years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the financial consequences threaten the City's ability to maintain planned investments in public safety, infrastructure, economic development, quality of life improvements, and other essential governmental services; and

WHEREAS, the City's new Police Station, authorized by voters through Measure 30-168 in November 2025, includes a financial strategy utilizing anticipated industrial-related revenues to offset residential property tax burdens, and delays in these revenues threaten the City's ability to implement that strategy as planned, likely resulting in significant increases to local taxpayers or perhaps even noncompliance with the terms of the bond; and

WHEREAS, the threatened economic consequences extend to other local taxing districts, including Umatilla County, the Umatilla School District, the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District, the Umatilla Hospital District, and other local special taxing districts which collectively face millions of dollars in potentially delayed payments and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that these threatened losses are substantial, foreseeable, and widespread in their potential effect upon the local economy, public institutions, employment, municipal financial stability, and the general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that individual financial projections remain subject to project-specific permitting requirements, development schedules, contractual conditions, and subsequent verification, but finds that the magnitude and reasonable foreseeability of the threatened losses warrant immediate action without waiting for those losses to become irreversible;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Governor's October 9, 2026, directive constitutes a human-created circumstance that threatens widespread financial loss within the City of Umatilla and that the circumstances satisfy the definition of an emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that the threatened financial consequences are extraordinary in magnitude and scope, are not reasonably addressed through ordinary municipal financial planning alone, and require coordinated and timely governmental action to prevent, minimize, and respond to potential economic harm; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that waiting until substantial investments have been abandoned, employment opportunities have disappeared, municipal revenues have been lost, or essential public services have been compromised would unnecessarily increase the risk of preventable harm to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council therefore determines that declaring a Local State of Emergency is necessary and appropriate to recognize the threatened widespread financial loss, coordinate the City's response, protect municipal financial interests, and pursue appropriate administrative, legislative, and legal remedies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, OREGON, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
Pursuant to ORS 401.025 and ORS 401.309, the City Council hereby DECLARES THAT A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, OREGON, arising from the human-created circumstance associated with Governor Tina Kotek's October 9, 2026, directive to DEQ and the resulting threat of widespread financial loss to the City, its residents, businesses, employees, public institutions, and local economy.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS
The City Council hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as its formal Findings of Fact supporting this emergency declaration.

The Council further incorporates by reference the City Manager's memoranda dated October 15, 2026, which has been reviewed by City attorneys, as supporting documentation for the declaration, recognizing that the financial projections contained therein are preliminary estimates subject to further evaluation and subject to update and refinement.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE
The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed, consistent with applicable law, adopted City policies, and available appropriations, to coordinate the City's response to the declared emergency, including:

A. Economic Impact Assessment. Prepare and maintain a comprehensive assessment of threatened and actual financial losses, including private investment, employment,

municipal revenues, infrastructure commitments, public safety financing, and impacts upon other local taxing districts.

B. State Government Coordination. Formally request, either directly or through our attorney(s) or partnered attorney(s), that Governor Kotek withdraw or modify the October 9, 2026 directive and that DEQ continue processing and evaluating environmental permit applications according to applicable statutory and administrative requirements.

C. Legal and Administrative Remedies. In consultation with the City Attorney, evaluate and pursue appropriate administrative remedies and other lawful measures to protect the City's interests, including seeking judicial relief.

D. Intergovernmental Coordination. Coordinate with Umatilla County, affected taxing districts, neighboring municipalities, regional economic development organizations, and other public and private partners to assess the emergency's consequences and develop appropriate responses.

E. Municipal Financial Protection. Identify and recommend appropriate budgetary, contractual, operational, and capital planning measures to minimize the potential financial consequences to the City and its residents.

SECTION 4. FORMAL REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR AND DEQ

The City Council formally requests that Governor Kotek immediately reconsider and withdraw or modify the October 9, 2026, directive.

The Council further requests that DEQ publicly identify the specific statutory and administrative authority supporting any implementation of the requested permitting suspension, explain its compliance with Oregon's Administrative Procedures Act, and clarify the treatment of pending permit applications and municipal wastewater permits.

The Council expressly affirms that all industrial facilities must comply with applicable environmental requirements and that this resolution does not seek exemption from any valid state or federal environmental law.

SECTION 5. DURATION AND REVIEW OF EMERGENCY

This Local State of Emergency shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect only for the period during which the conditions giving rise to the emergency exist or are likely to continue, as required by ORS 401.309(1).

The City Manager, or his designee, shall provide the City Council with a status report at least by January 31, 2027, and every six weeks thereafter addressing the continuing emergency conditions, the financial consequences, and the necessity of maintaining the declaration.

The City Council shall review the declaration at least every 90 days and may modify or terminate it by subsequent resolution. The declaration shall terminate when the conditions supporting the emergency no longer exist or are no longer reasonably expected to continue.

SECTION 6. LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to suspend or supersede applicable state or federal law, authorize expenditures without lawful appropriation, exempt any person or entity from

environmental requirements, or confer powers beyond those otherwise available to the City under applicable law.

SECTION 7. TRANSMITTAL
The City Manager, or his designee, is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Tina Kotek, DEQ Director Leah Feldon, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners, the League of Oregon Cities, and other affected governmental agencies as determined by the City Manager.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Umatilla City Council.

PASSED by the Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 20th day of October 2026

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Caden Sipe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder

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MEMORANDUM

October 16, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Melissa Ince, Zach, Ratkai, Joanna Antley, Peter Mohr
Re: Governor Kotek's Statewide Data Center Permitting Suspension — Serious Legal Concerns, Economic Consequences, and Threats to Local Government Investments

OVERVIEW

On October 9, 2026, Governor Tina Kotek requested that Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) suspend the processing and issuance of certain air and water discharge permits for new or expanded data center facilities until July 1, 2027. The suspend directive includes:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits;
- Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) permits;
- Air Contaminant Discharge Permits (ACDP);
- Title V air quality permits; and
- Municipal wastewater treatment facility permit renewals or modifications intended to accommodate wastewater discharges from data center industrial sources.

The City of Umatilla has serious concerns about the Governor's legal basis for her "request." Such concern is only heightened by the fact that the Governor's own administration has repeatedly and publicly acknowledged that the State lacks authority to impose a statewide moratorium on data center development. Given the current circumstances, however, the City is deeply concerned that Governor Kotek may still seek to impose a moratorium on new construction of such facilities.

The Governor's directive raises the following legal concerns:

1. Whether DEQ can suspend the processing of permits solely on an applicant's association with data centers;
2. Whether the Governor's actions without formal rulemaking violates Oregon's Administrative Procedures Act;
3. Whether the Governor is unlawfully refusing to act or causing unreasonable administrative delay;
4. Whether the Governor violates the Oregon Constitution by implementing executive policy rather than deferring to the Oregon Legislature and local government home rule authority; and
5. Whether the Governor's actions conflict with applicable federal law.

The City recognizes and fully supports Oregon's responsibility to protect its air, water, land, and communities. We also recognize that data center facilities, like every other industrial facility, must comply with applicable environmental standards. However, environmental regulation must be based upon environmental science, adopted standards, statutory requirements, and the specific characteristics of each individual application.

Impact on the City of Umatilla

Within the City Limits, the City currently has four operating data centers, one data center currently under construction, and two additional data centers anticipated to be completed under existing enterprise zone agreements. These projects represent a substantial long-term commitment to the greater Umatilla area. In addition to the direct investment associated with the facilities themselves, data center development supports a broader network of construction contractors, engineers, equipment suppliers, utility providers, professional services, and local businesses. Given the extent of economic benefits the City directly derives from such activities, hte adverse economic consequences of interrupting this activity necessarily extend well beyond the owners of the individual facilities themselves.

As discussed below, Governor Kotek's actions not only unjustifiably threaten significant private investment (both established and proposed), but also create unanticipated uncertainty within areas of municipal infrastructure planning, employment opportunities, public services, and local government revenues. At a minimum, the Governor's actions are currently estimated to threaten at least 1,000 "temporary" construction jobs, hundreds of permanent data center jobs, and "related jobs" that are indirectly associated with the operation of such facilities. This "pause" would delay *more than $5 billion* in industrial investment and cause at least a two-year delay in construction and operations. In summary, the delays will cost the City of Umatilla more than $6M plus *delayed* payments as follows: $1.075M in one-time payments; $3.514M in 2028 annual payments; $2.07M in 2029 annual payments; $12M in water infrastructure payments/reimbursements; $216,000/year in Police Station Bond Payments; and an estimated $1M in annual Franchise Fees. These financial impacts are further exacerbated in delayed or lost contracted payments to our schools, fire protection district, hospital district, and others.

As you can see, the City's concerns are not theoretical. Responsible data center development benefits local communities. As a result of the current and planned data center development, the City obtained substantial infrastructure investment, expanded employment opportunities, and strengthened the City financial position.

The City achieved these benefits in full collaboration with DEQ and with nearly perfect compliance with our permits. Our responsibility is to defend the lawful, consistent, and predictable administration of regulations, while protecting the residents and taxpayers who depend upon the City's financial stability.

The City of Umatilla should not be required to sacrifice its economic future, municipal investments, partnerships, or public services because the State has elected to suspend regulatory processes that existing law requires it to administer.

LEGAL CONCERNS

Governor Kotek's Admission: State Lacks Authority

On August 7, 2026, in an official press release, the Governor's Office stated, "the State lacks authority to enact a statewide moratorium." The Governor expressed support and strong encouragement for local governments to consider implementing their own moratoriums locally. The Governor recognized that the authority to regulate development is distributed among state agencies, local governments, and the Legislature, and that the Governor does not possess unlimited power to prohibit otherwise lawful development through executive action.

On September 8, 2026, the Governor's office reiterated that she and the State currently lacked such authority without going through the Legislative process. She directed state agencies to pause certain requests involving *state-owned* property that would support new data center development. Note that the State's discretion in *state-owned* property is distinct from its role as a regulatory authority. When an agency administers environmental permits, its authority is established and constrained by statutes, administrative rules, and applicable federal law.

Governor Kotek has repeatedly and unequivocally acknowledged on the public record that her administration lacks the authority to impose a statewide moratorium on data center development. They were official declarations of the Governor's understanding of the legal limitations upon her authority.
Yet, just one month later, the Governor requested that DEQ suspend the processing and issuance of environmental permits for an entire industry throughout Oregon.

The City of Umatilla finds this apparent contradiction deeply concerning. The City believes the Governor and DEQ owe Oregon's communities a direct explanation of how this statewide permitting suspension can be reconciled with the Governor's previous acknowledgments of limited authority.

Infringement in City's Home Rule Authority

The Oregon Constitution grants cities self-governing powers. *See Oregon Constitution, Article XI, Section 2 and Article IV, Section 1(5)*. This authority reflects the fundamental principle that local communities possess meaningful and powerful authority to govern local affairs. Oregon courts have repeatedly recognized that municipalities may exercise regulatory authority under their home rule authority unless the Oregon Legislature has preempted local regulations.

In this case, the City exercised its lawful local authority through its comprehensive planning, zoning, infrastructure investments, development agreements, and economic development policies. Umatilla

has made its own policy choices, consistent with applicable law, to accommodate responsible industrial development.

The City strongly objects to any infringement on the City's home rule authority without lawful Legislative Authority.

Conflict with Federal Law

The State of Oregon, through the DEQ, administers and acts on behalf of the federal government. If a state fails to administer the required permits adequately, the applicable federal agency such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can act on behalf of the state. Although it is unlikely that the federal government would step into to take action, it appears that the Governor is acting outside the parameters of the applicable federal laws and without the benefit of any data or studies. Further, such action may be preempted by federal law.

Violation of Oregon's Procedures Act

The Administrative Procedures Act establishes the legal framework governing how Oregon agencies adopt rules, administer regulatory programs, and make decisions affecting individuals, businesses, and local governments. These requirements exist for a reason. They promote transparency, public participation, accountability, consistency, and adherence to the authority granted by the Legislature. They also help ensure that administrative agencies do not establish new legal obligations or restrictions through informal directives that bypass required procedures.

If DEQ adopts a binding policy that the agency will not process or issue covered permits until July 1, 2027, that policy may require compliance with **Oregon's rulemaking requirements**. The Governor's characterization of the directive as an exercise of existing administrative discretion does not, by itself, exempt it from those requirements because Oregon law provides mechanisms for adopting temporary rules under qualifying circumstances. **A statewide regulatory restriction does not become lawful merely because it is announced in a letter rather than published as an administrative rule.**

Administrative Discretion is Not Unlimited Authority

The Governor's letter specifically asks DEQ to exercise its "existing administrative authority and discretion." These words implicitly acknowledge that DEQ must operate *within authority* it already possesses. Administrative discretion permits an agency to make judgments within the boundaries established by law. An agency cannot transform limited discretion over individual permit applications into unlimited discretion to suspend an entire permitting program for a selected industry. The Governor cannot expand DEQ's authority simply by directing it to exercise discretion.

Environmental Permitting Must Be Based on Objective Requirements

The City also asserts that environmental regulation must be grounded in objective, legally established environmental requirements. The State should evaluate what a facility proposes to emit, discharge, consume, construct, or operate, and whether those activities comply with applicable standards. It

should not substitute the label attached to a particular industry for the environmental analysis required by law.

A facility's industry classification is not itself evidence of environmental noncompliance. Depending on a particular data center's design and operations, the facility may be subject to requirements concerning backup generators, air emissions, cooling systems, water use, wastewater discharge, construction activities, and other environmental considerations. A facility that cannot meet applicable standards should be denied authorization where the law requires denial, but a data center that can meet the applicable standards should be allowed to operate.

State's Failure to Take Required Action

Oregon law recognizes that agencies may not simply refuse to carry out duties imposed upon them. ORS 183.490 authorizes a court, upon an appropriate petition, to compel an agency to act where the agency has unlawfully refused to act or has unreasonably delayed taking action or making a decision.

The Governor's directive refusal to process otherwise complete applications until a predetermined future date does not identify a specific environmental deficiency. Instead, it seeks to suspend processing while potential future policy reforms are considered. Again, this may be a violation of the federal law that the State is administering.

The State cannot disregard federally-imposed obligations simply because its elected leadership wishes to reconsider its policies.

Particular Concerns Regarding Municipal Wastewater Permits

The October 9 directive extends beyond privately-owned data center facilities. It specifically includes municipal wastewater treatment facility permit renewals or modifications intended to accommodate wastewater discharge from data center industrial sources.

Municipal wastewater facilities are public infrastructure. They are financed, operated, maintained, and regulated to serve communities, protect public health, and accommodate lawful development. A municipality's wastewater treatment facility may serve residential customers, commercial businesses, industrial facilities, public institutions, and other users simultaneously. A municipal government should not face regulatory disadvantages merely because the Governor has chosen to target one of its customers.

For Umatilla, the City has invested heavily in water and wastewater infrastructure to support existing residents, future housing, commercial activity, and industrial development. These investments are part of a comprehensive strategy to responsibly accommodate growth while protecting public health and the environment.

For Umatilla, it simply is not possible to make a wastewater or water improvement that does not impact all users of the system. *The State should not place municipal governments in regulatory limbo simply*

because they have successfully attracted an industrial customer that complies with applicable law. DEQ must clarify whether municipal permit renewals will continue to be processed, whether modifications unrelated to data center discharges remain unaffected, and how existing permit protections and operating obligations will be maintained.

Oregon Legislature

The City recognizes the Legislature's authority to consider changes to Oregon's environmental laws and economic development policies. The legislative process matters. It provides opportunities for public testimony, fiscal analysis, stakeholder participation, debate, amendment, and consideration of unintended consequences. Those safeguards are particularly important when proposed policies may affect substantial investments, employment, municipal infrastructure, and public revenues.

Whether the Legislature may change the law in 2027 is not a lawful justification for suspending the administration of existing law in 2026.

SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR UMATILLA AND THE REGION

Creation of Unpredictable Conditions Harming Communities

The Governor's directive threatens to disrupt an industry that has become an important contributor to Umatilla's economy and fiscal stability.

A regulatory system must be predictable. Businesses and local governments make substantial financial commitments based upon adopted laws, published standards, and established permitting procedures. They invest in engineering, infrastructure, land acquisition, environmental studies, utility systems, and construction planning in reliance upon those requirements. When a state agency changes its approach to an entire industry without identifying the specific environmental standards supporting that change, it undermines confidence in the regulatory system. If one administration may suspend permits for data centers while considering future legislation, what prevents another administration from attempting the same approach toward food processors, agricultural facilities, manufacturing operations, warehouses, or other industries? Such unpredictability creates a slippery slope.

Existing and Anticipated Investment, and Financial Impacts

The City currently has four operating data centers, one additional facility under construction, and two additional facilities anticipated under existing enterprise zone agreements. In addition to the direct investment associated with the facilities themselves, data center development supports a broader network of construction contractors, engineers, equipment suppliers, utility providers, professional services, and local businesses. The economic consequences of interrupting this activity extend well beyond the owners of individual facilities.

Over the past several years, Umatilla has experienced substantial industrial investment associated with data center development. These investments have supported permanent employment, construction

activity, infrastructure expansion, and new sources of revenue for local governments and other taxing districts. The City considers impacts for industrial development and has leveraged responsible industrial investment into lasting public benefits.

For Umatilla, this directive threatens at least 1,000 "temporary" construction jobs and hundreds of permanent data center and related market jobs. As of today, this "pause" would result in the delay of *more than $5 billion* in industrial investment. A nearly 9-month delay now is likely to result in at least a two-year delay in construction and operations.

For Umatilla, and our other local taxing districts, these delays are overwhelmingly significant:

- Umatilla Hospital District: $1 Million plus $45,000/year in annual contributions
    - $1 Million in earmarked payments toward the Umatilla Hospital District
    - Estimated new annual payments of $15,000 from Sabey Data Centers forecasted to begin in 2027 will be delayed two years
    - Estimated new annual payments of $15,000 from AWS forecasted to begin in 2028 will be delayed two years
    - Estimated new annual payments of $15,000 from AWS forecasted to begin in 2029 will be delayed two years
- Umatilla County: $2.075 Million in one-time payments, plus $3.507 Million in annual payments in 2028 and $2.07 Million in annual payments in 2029 delayed two years
    - $1 Million in earmarked payments towards the County's Umatilla River Trail Project delayed two years
    - $1.075 Million in one-time payments from Sabey Data Centers delayed two years
    - $1.507 Million in annual payments from Sabey Data Centers delayed two years
    - $2.07 Million in annual payments from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2028 would be delayed two years
    - $2.07 Million in annual payments from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2029 would be delayed two years
- Umatilla School District: Annual payments of $383,000 in 2028 and $174,000 in 2029 delayed, plus a delay in an estimated $600,000 in Construction Excise Tax
    - Annual contributions of $209,000 from Sabey Data Centers currently forecasted to begin in 2028 will be delayed two years
    - Annual new contributions of $174,000 from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2028 will be delayed two years
    - Annual new contributions of $174,000 from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2029 will be delayed two years
    - An estimated $600,000 in Construction Excise Taxes delayed
- Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District: Annual payments of $166,600 in 2028 and $79,300 in 2029 delayed

    - Annual contributions of $87,300 from Sabey Data Centers currently forecasted to begin in 2028 will be delayed two years
    - Annual contributions of $79,300 from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2028 will be delayed two years
    - Annual contributions of $79,300 from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2029 will be delayed two years
- City of Umatilla: $1.075 Million in one-time payments, $3.514 Million in annual payments in 2028, $2.07 Million in annual payments in 2029, $12 Million in water infrastructure, $216,000/year in Police Station Bond Payments, $1 Million in Franchise Fees. In total, more than $6 million lost to the City of Umatilla while others delayed multiple years.
    - $1.075 Million in one-time payments from Sabey Data Centers delayed two years
    - $1.507 Million in annual payments from Sabey Data Centers delayed two years
    - $2.07 Million in annual payments from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2028 would be delayed two years
    - $2.07 Million in annual payments from AWS currently forecasted to begin in 2029 would be delayed two years
    - $12 Million in water infrastructure paid by data centers may be cancelled
    - $216,000/year of Police Station Bond payments not received in 2027 and 2028
    - An estimated $500,000 in Franchise revenue lost in both 2028 and 2029

Enterprise Zone and Strategic Investment Program Revenues

The City receives substantial revenues associated with industrial development through enterprise zone and Strategic Investment Program arrangements (see estimated impacts above). These resources help support sustainable municipal operations, capital investments, and long-term financial planning. A permitting suspension that delays the construction, completion, or commissioning of new facilities could affect the timing of future revenues, depending upon the terms of the applicable agreements and the relevant statutory requirements. The City must evaluate the potential consequences for anticipated payments, including the timing of initial payments and the possibility of future reductions or deferrals.

New Police Station and Residential Tax Relief

In November 2025, Umatilla voters approved Measure 30-168, authorizing a $19.8 million bond for the new facility. The City subsequently established a Public Safety Center Credit intended to offset residential property tax impacts, supported by designated industrial-related revenues. This approach reflects a deliberate policy choice: leverage economic development to improve essential public services while reducing the financial burden on residents. Both Sabey Data Centers and AWS have “Future Bonding” clauses in their agreements that require them to pay for voter-approved initiatives in public safety. This pause will delay when these facilities begin operations, thus delaying when they would pay into and support this bond. If future industrial revenues are delayed or diminished, the City may face additional pressure in maintaining planned financial commitments and tax-relief strategies.

Infrastructure Investments and Financial Commitments

Umatilla has undertaken major infrastructure investments to accommodate community growth and industrial development. These include substantial water and wastewater improvements, transportation infrastructure, and other capital facilities. A sudden disruption in the anticipated development pipeline could affect future infrastructure financing assumptions and the timing of planned improvements.

REQUESTED ACTIONS AND FORMAL CLARIFICATIONS

I recommend that the City Council support the following actions:

1. Request for Declaration of Emergency *(see complementary Emergency Memo)*. I am formally requesting that the Umatilla City Council consider and adopt a Resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency within the City of Umatilla, pursuant to ORS 401.025 and ORS 401.309, in response to the extraordinary and potentially devastating economic consequences arising from Governor Tina Kotek's October 9, 2026, directive to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

2. Request immediate clarification from DEQ and the Governor's Office. The City should request a written explanation identifying the specific legal authority supporting the proposed permitting suspension. That explanation should address the Administrative Procedures Act, the distinction between rulemaking and administrative discretion, the treatment of pending applications, and the State's obligations under applicable federal permitting programs.

3. Request confirmation that municipal wastewater permits will continue to receive lawful review. The City should request clarification regarding municipal wastewater treatment facility permits, including renewals, modifications, and applications involving facilities serving multiple categories of customers.

Municipal governments must be able to operate and maintain essential infrastructure without unnecessary regulatory uncertainty.

4. Request disclosure of DEQ's implementation procedures. DEQ should publicly identify whether it intends to implement the Governor's directive, the effective date of any suspension, the permits affected, and any procedures for individualized consideration or review. A letter requesting agency action should not be treated as a substitute for the legal and procedural steps necessary to implement that action.

5. Complete a comprehensive fiscal impact assessment. City staff should prepare a detailed assessment of the directive's potential consequences for:

- Planned private investment;
- Permanent and construction employment;
- Enterprise zone and Strategic Investment Program revenues;
- Public Safety Center financing and tax-relief strategies;
- Municipal infrastructure commitments;
- The City's long-term financial forecast; and

- Other affected taxing districts.

6. Coordinate with other affected local governments. The City should communicate with other Oregon municipalities, counties, ports, and taxing districts connected with Umatilla and throughout the state that may experience similar impacts. This issue extends beyond Umatilla and deserves coordinated consideration.

7. Evaluate available administrative and legal remedies. The City should work with legal counsel to evaluate whether DEQ's implementation of the directive would violate applicable statutory requirements, administrative rulemaking obligations, or permitting duties. Depending upon the State's actions, affected parties may have administrative or judicial remedies available. The City should preserve its ability to consider appropriate action if the State implements an unlawful suspension that materially affects municipal interests. Direct the City Manager, or his designee, to partner with Umatilla County and/or other appropriate counties or cities to hire legal counsel to appropriately file a response with the appropriate court(s).

CONCLUSION

The City of Umatilla believes strongly in responsible development, environmental stewardship, and the rule of law. Those principles are not mutually exclusive. Our community should not be forced to choose between protecting its environment and supporting lawful economic development. **We can and always have done both.** Oregon has established environmental laws, permitting requirements, and regulatory agencies for precisely that purpose. Those laws should be administered fairly, consistently, and according to their adopted requirements. If a facility does not satisfy applicable environmental standards, the State should require compliance or deny the necessary authorization. If a facility satisfies those standards, the State should process its application according to law. And if existing laws need to change, those changes should occur through the legislative or administrative procedures established by Oregon law. What the State should not do is suspend regulatory proceedings for an entire industry simply because its elected leadership wishes to reconsider that industry's future.

Twice, Governor Kotek publicly acknowledged that Oregon lacks authority to impose a statewide moratorium on data center development. Her October 9 directive now requests a statewide suspension of environmental permitting activities affecting that same industry. The distinction between those actions deserves much more than a change in terminology. It demands a clear, specific, and defensible legal explanation.

The City of Umatilla is deeply concerned that the directive may exceed DEQ's statutory authority, violate the rulemaking requirements of Oregon's Administrative Procedures Act, and subject otherwise lawful applicants to regulatory delays unrelated to their actual environmental compliance. We are equally concerned about the financial consequences for our community. Umatilla has worked diligently to turn responsible industrial development into new infrastructure, improved public services, employment opportunities, and financial benefits for residents. These accomplishments are the result of years of

planning, negotiation, investment, and collaboration. They should not be placed at risk through an administrative directive whose legal foundation has not been clearly established.

Oregon cannot expect communities to plan responsibly, businesses to invest confidently, and local governments to make long-term financial commitments if the State can suspend established regulatory processes whenever political priorities change. The City of Umatilla respectfully but firmly calls upon Governor Kotek and DEQ to identify the legal authority supporting this action, explain how it complies with Oregon's Administrative Procedures Act, and ensure that all environmental permit applications are evaluated according to applicable law and their actual environmental characteristics.

Until those questions are satisfactorily answered, the City believes the proposed categorical permitting suspension should not be implemented. Our residents deserve a state government that protects the environment, respects local communities, honors established law, and recognizes the economic consequences of its decisions. **The rule of law must remain the foundation of Oregon's regulatory system. Neither political preference nor administrative convenience should replace it.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Stockdale
City Manager, City of Umatilla

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***Note*:** Legal conclusions remain subject to final review by City legal counsel.

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MEMORANDUM

October 16, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Melissa Ince, Zach, Ratkai, Joanna Antley, Peter Mohr
Re: Request for Declaration of Emergency due to Governor Kotek's Letter to DEQ dated October 9, 2026

Purpose and Requested Action

I am formally requesting that the Umatilla City Council consider adopting a resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency pursuant to ORS 401.025 and ORS 401.309, in response to the extraordinary economic and financial threats arising from Governor Tina Kotek's October 9, 2026, directive to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

This request is not made lightly. A declaration of emergency is a significant governmental action, reserved for circumstances presenting serious threats to a community. However, I believe the Governor's directive creates precisely the type of human-created circumstance involving threatened widespread financial loss that Oregon law expressly recognizes as a potential emergency. The directive calls for DEQ to suspend processing and issuance of certain environmental permits associated with new or expanded data center facilities until July 1, 2027. Importantly, the directive also affects certain municipal wastewater permitting applications intended to accommodate data center development.

For Umatilla, the consequences are not theoretical. The directive threatens significant private investment, employment opportunities, anticipated municipal revenues, and the City's ability to responsibly plan and finance essential public services and infrastructure.

I. Oregon Law Expressly Recognizes Threatened Financial Loss as an Emergency

ORS 401.025(1) defines an emergency as: "A human created or natural event or circumstance that causes or threatens widespread loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss." The Legislature deliberately included three important elements within this definition: emergencies may arise from human-created circumstances, may involve financial loss, and may exist when that loss is merely threatened, rather than already realized. The law does not restrict emergencies exclusively to natural disasters or physical destruction. It recognizes that extraordinary financial threats may also warrant governmental intervention.

ORS 401.309(1) further provides: "The governing body of a city or county in this state may declare, by ordinance or resolution, that a state of emergency exists within the city or county." Together, these

provisions provide a substantial statutory basis for the City Council to consider whether the Governor's directive constitutes an emergency threatening the financial stability of Umatilla. While the application of these statutes to a statewide executive permitting directive is unusual and is being thoroughly reviewed by the City's attorneys, the fact that the threat originates from state government does not, by itself, eliminate the potential for an emergency under Oregon law.

II. The Governor's Directive Creates an Extraordinary Economic Threat

On October 9, 2026, Governor Kotek directed DEQ to pause processing and issuance of certain environmental permits associated with data center development while the State considers potential regulatory and legislative changes. The City of Umatilla fully supports responsible environmental protection and compliance with applicable laws. However, there is a fundamental distinction between requiring development projects to satisfy established environmental standards and suspending an entire category of applications based on the industry involved. Environmental permits should be evaluated on their individual merits and compliance with applicable environmental requirements, rather than being delayed solely because an applicant is associated with data center development. Beyond the significant legal and administrative questions raised by this directive, its economic consequences are potentially devastating to communities such as Umatilla.

Over the past several years, the City has worked diligently to attract private investment, support economic development, and establish financial partnerships that benefit the entire community. Data center investments have contributed to employment, infrastructure improvements, and revenues supporting municipal services and other local taxing districts.

The Governor's directive threatens that progress in several significant ways:

1. Private Investment: Delayed or suspended permitting threatens substantial planned industrial investments, potentially resulting in postponed construction, canceled projects, or the relocation of investment to other states.
2. Employment and Regional Economic Activity: Construction delays threaten jobs, contractor revenues, and economic activity supporting local businesses, suppliers, and families throughout the region.
3. Municipal Revenue and Essential Services: Delayed investments may postpone or reduce anticipated Enterprise Zone, Strategic Investment Program, and other revenues relied upon for municipal financial planning, infrastructure, and essential public services.
4. Other Local Taxing Districts: Schools, fire protection services, and other public agencies may also experience significant financial consequences from delayed or abandoned development.
5. Long-Term Financial Stability: Uncertainty surrounding major investments threatens the City's ability to responsibly plan capital improvements, maintain services, and fulfill long-term financial commitments.

These consequences extend far beyond the interests of individual businesses. They threaten the broader economic and financial well-being of the Umatilla community.

III. The City's Responsibility to Protect Its Community

The City Council has a fundamental responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, and economic stability of Umatilla's residents. Article XI, Section 2 of the Oregon Constitution recognizes municipal Home Rule authority, while ORS Chapter 401 establishes a framework for local governments to respond to emergencies threatening their communities. Although Home Rule does not permit the City to disregard valid state law, it reinforces the importance of local governments addressing matters affecting their communities. It is particularly troubling that Umatilla must contemplate declaring an emergency not because of a natural disaster, but because of a deliberate policy directive issued by the State's highest executive office. Nevertheless, the origin of the threat does not diminish the seriousness of its potential consequences.

The City is not seeking preferential environmental treatment, nor is it asking that any business be exempted from applicable environmental requirements. Rather, the City is seeking fair, consistent, and lawful administration of existing regulations without unnecessarily jeopardizing the economic stability of communities that depend upon these investments.

IV. Requested Council Action

I respectfully request that the City Council consider adopting a resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency under ORS 401.309, based upon a finding that Governor Kotek's October 9, 2026, directive constitutes a human-created circumstance that causes or threatens widespread financial loss within the meaning of ORS 401.025(1).

I further recommend that the resolution:

1. **Declare a Local State of Emergency** based on the substantial and foreseeable threats to municipal revenues, private investment, employment, and the financial stability of the community.
2. **Direct an Economic Impact Assessment** to formally quantify anticipated losses in private investment, employment, municipal revenues, and broader regional economic activity.
3. **Request Immediate Reconsideration by Governor Kotek**, including withdrawal or modification of the October 9 directive to allow DEQ to resume individualized review of applications under existing environmental laws.
4. **Authorize Appropriate Legal and Administrative Responses** to protect the City's interests, in consultation with the City Attorney and subject to applicable law.
5. **Coordinate with Affected Public Agencies** and regional partners to evaluate financial consequences and pursue appropriate remedies.
6. **Require Ongoing Council Review** of the emergency declaration and the circumstances giving rise to it, with termination when the statutory emergency conditions no longer exist.

V. Conclusion

The City of Umatilla has spent years building a stronger economic foundation through responsible planning, infrastructure investment, strategic partnerships, and the attraction of substantial private investment. That progress has supported public safety, improved infrastructure, strengthened local

taxing districts, and created opportunities for residents and businesses throughout our community. The Governor's October 9 directive threatens to undermine that progress through a broad permitting pause that may prevent otherwise lawful development from proceeding, regardless of whether individual projects can satisfy established environmental requirements.

Oregon law expressly recognizes that human-created circumstances threatening widespread financial loss may constitute an emergency. I believe the City of Umatilla has compelling reasons to evaluate whether the Governor's directive meets that standard. Declaring a local state of emergency would not supersede state law or independently compel DEQ to issue permits. It would, however, formally recognize the severity of the threat, establish the City's findings, organize an appropriate response, and communicate unequivocally that the financial well-being of our community deserves immediate attention.

The City Council should not be required to wait until jobs have disappeared, investments have been abandoned, municipal revenues have been lost, or essential public services have been compromised before responding to a foreseeable economic crisis.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the City Council consider and approve a resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency, of which the circumstances that the statutory requirements have been confirmed and satisfied by the City Attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Stockdale
City Manager, City of Umatilla

TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR

October 9, 2026

Leah Feldon, Director
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Director Feldon,

Thank you for your update on progress being made at DEQ to improve air quality permitting processes to align with the priorities of HB 4084 (2026). I know you are working hard to identify ways to support my vision for driving progress on Oregon's Prosperity Roadmap—bringing together business, labor, education, local governments, and communities around a shared strategy to grow our economy in ways that create opportunity across every region of our state. Your agency's continued work to identify ways to streamline and align permitting processes will be important to that priority effort.

How we facilitate responsible economic growth is also critical to statewide prosperity. This is why I established the Data Center Advisory Committee, and why I have been taking actions to both support local moratoriums and restrict development of new Data Centers until we can assure Oregonians that our laws will adequately protect our communities and the environment of our state.

Consistent with this approach, I am asking you to exercise your existing administrative authority and discretion to pause processing and issuance of air or water discharge permit applications until July 1, 2027 that involve new or expanded data center facilities within Oregon. Specifically, this should include National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF), Air Contaminant Discharge (ACDP), or Title V Air Quality permits relevant to construction and/or operation of new Data Center facilities. This pause should also include processing applications from municipalities seeking to renew or modify wastewater treatment plant facility permits in order to accommodate wastewater discharge from data center industrial facility sources.

This time limited pause will provide an opportunity for me to evaluate and digest recommendations forthcoming from the Advisory Committee, and to provide space for policy and/or regulatory reforms that may be considered in the upcoming 2027 session of the Legislature with my support.

Thank you for ensuring that our decisions and work reflect the needs and value of Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Governor Tina Kotek

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Recognition List - November 2026

Thank you to **Gene Wilson** for his service as our school resource officer as he goes into retirement.

Parent **Jorge Garibay** stepped up to help a fellow parent who took a fall during a REP assembly at CVI and helped in an emergency.

Al Davis at EOTEC provided the District Office with steps to help with our Magic School Bus during Treats on 6th street.

Darrell Rowbury of Rowbury Apples congratulations on your retirement after years of providing the school district with organic farm fresh apples.

Congratulations to **Elaina Jewett** for earning OSAA Athlete of the Week recognition during the week of Oct 5 for a stellar season

Melissa Cranston at CVI for creating the attendance tracker.

Holly Fritz for an incredible staff meal during conferences and fun foods during the Haunted House event.

Brittany Day, Edgar Navarrete, Rachel Blake, Brandon Quam, Tina Ridings, and **Stephanie Williams** for organizing and supervising the Haunted House.

The leads of Red Ribbon Week at CBMS were led by **Itzel Claustro** and **Yakima Contreras.**

Tim Young for making a really hard job fun for everybody at CVI, every day.

Nicole Coyle for all the hard work supporting students.

Rikkilynn Starliper for overseeing the start of the fresh fruit and veggies program

Laura Lozano for going above and beyond in her new role handling custodial duties, here, at our District Office.

FALL 2026

Tasty Times

Your USD Nutrition Update

Welcome to Tasty Times!

Welcome to Tasty Times, Umatilla School District's quarterly nutrition newsletter! Each quarter, we'll share updates from our school kitchens, introduce new foods and recipes, and highlight the ways students are learning about nutrition. Here's a look at what we've been up to this quarter!

New on the Menu!

Our Nutrition Services team has been busy trying new recipes and bringing different flavors to our school menus! New this year is chicken alfredo, popcorn chicken bowls, and chicken and cheese empanadas.

Our chicken alfredo is made from scratch, featuring pasta tossed in a creamy alfredo sauce with chicken.



Another scratch-made dish, our popcorn chicken bowl is filled with mashed potatoes, gravy, and popcorn chicken. Students can also choose to add corn.

The chicken and cheese empanadas have a savory filling wrapped in a pastry pocket.

Thanksgiving Feasts Are Coming Up!

We are getting ready for our annual Thanksgiving Feasts! Students and families will have the opportunity to enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal together at school this November. Tickets were sold during conferences. If you missed the opportunity to purchase tickets, please contact your child's school to check if any are still available.

Thanksgiving Feast Dates

November 18, 2026
- Columbia Vista Intermediate
- Umatilla High School

November 19, 2026
- McNary Heights Elementary
- Clara Brownell Middle School

National School Lunch Week



McNary Heights and Columbia Vista Intermediate celebrated National School Lunch week, October 12-16, with a fun Cafeteria Circus theme!

As part of the celebration, our nutrition educator, Lourdes, brought a little magic into the classroom. Students watched magic tricks using food items and got creative by making their own circus hats and wands.

It was a fun way to celebrate school meals while getting students excited about food and nutrition!

Free Meals for All Students!

Did you know that breakfast and lunch are free for ALL students in Umatilla School District? No application is needed and students participating in our after-school program also receive a free dinner and snack!

In September alone, our Nutrition Services team served 47,455 free meals to students across the district!



From Local Farms to School Plates

Did you know that some of the food served in our schools comes from local farms and producers?

Through the Farm to School program, schools can purchase food from local farmers and producers while helping students learn where their food comes from.

This summer, Umatilla School District received $11,000 in Farm to School grant funding, followed by an additional $50,000.

That's a total of $61,000 invested in local food!

These funds have been used to purchase food from local farmers and producers, with the majority coming from Umatilla County.

Farm to School helps bring locally grown and produced foods into our cafeterias while supporting the farmers and businesses in our community.

Fresh Fruits, New Flavors!

This October, Umatilla School District began partcipating in the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program, a grant-funded program that gives students more opportunities to try fresh produce.

Twice a week, students at McNary Heights, Columbia Vista Intermediate, and Clara Brownell Middle School are offered a fresh fruit or vegetable outside of their regular mealtimes.

The goal is to introduce students to a wider variety of fruits and vegetables, encourage healthy eating habits, and help them learn about foods they may not have tried before.

Participation is completely optional. Students can choose whether to take or eat the food. When appropriate, whole or packaged items can also be taken home.

So far students have tried:

- Multicolored carrots: Carrots come in more colors than just orange!
- Watermelon Radishes: These radishes have a colorful pink center that looks like a watermelon.
- Persimmons: A sweet, orange fruit that many students tried for the first time!
- Yellow Kissabel Apples: These unique apples have yellow skin with a surprising pink center!

Students also receive educational handouts with fun facts, nutrition information, and recipes for the foods they try. Want to learn more? Explore the handouts below and try something new together at home!

CLICK EACH GRAPHIC TO READ MORE!









Umatilla Students Enjoy Fresh Produce Grown in Their Cafeteria!



When students at Clara Brownell Middle School sit down for lunch, some of the ingredients on their trays haven't traveled very far. In fact, they're grown just steps away from where students eat!

This year, the district's Nutrition Services team introduced a hydroponics garden at CBMS, bringing a new way to grow fresh produce into the school cafeteria.

Just one month after planting their first seeds in August, the team harvested its first lettuce in September. The lettuce was then served on salad bars at CBMS and Umatilla High School.



The idea came from Nutrition Director Rikkilyn Starliper, who saw a hydroponics demonstration at an Oregon School Nutrition Association conference.

"My goal is to have scratch cooking and nutrition education," Starliper explained. She wants students to experience the benefits of fresh ingredients, learn more about where their food comes from, and understand "the reality that food is sustainable and can be grown at home."

Unlike traditional gardening, hydroponics doesn't require soil. Instead, plants grow using water, added nutrients, and a built-in lighting system. The team is also growing herbs like basil, cilantro, and rosemary to use in scratch-made meals across the district.

Students are already noticing the difference. One student told Starliper, "The spaghetti tastes better today," after trying spaghetti made with fresh basil from the garden.

The program is also expanding! Thanks to a $5,000 grant from Amazon, the district plans to purchase a second hydroponics garden for Umatilla High School.

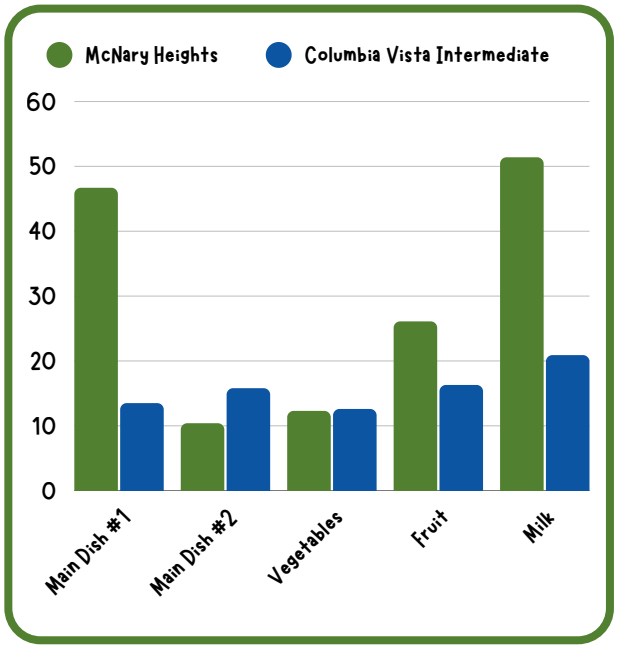
Taking a Closer Look at Food Waste

How much food gets thrown away during school lunch? That's what our Nutrition Services team is working to find out!

Each month, our nutrition educator, Lourdes, conducts food waste audits at McNary Heights Elementary and Columbia Vista Intermediate with help from students and volunteers.

During these audits, leftover food and drinks are collected, sorted, and weighed to see how much is being thrown away. The results help our Nutrition Services team better understand food waste and find ways to reduce it.

The results also help guide menu decisions. If a certain food is being thrown away in large amounts, the team may consider removing it from the menu.



During September's audits, the two schools collected a combined 226 pounds of food waste, with milk making up the largest amount at both schools. One way to help reduce milk waste is by reminding students that taking milk with their lunch is optional.

These audits also give students a chance to take part in the process and learn more about food waste and why reducing it matters.







Students Put Pea Salad to the Test!

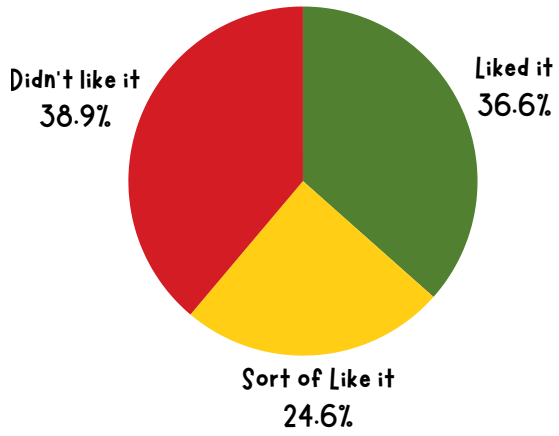
Students at McNary Heights Elementary and Columbia Vista Intermediate recently had the chance to taste a salad made with peas, mayonnaise, and cheese!

During Taste Tests, students try different foods that could be added to school menus or salad bars. After tasting each item, they share whether they liked it, sort of liked it, or didn't like it.

A total of 430 students shared their thoughts on the pea salad. Of those students, 266 said they liked it or sort of liked it!

These taste tests give students a chance to share their opinions and help our Nutrition Services team explore new menu options.

Not every new food will be a favorite, and that's part of the fun! By offering students different foods to try, the team can learn more about their preferences while encouraging them to step outside their comfort zones and discover new flavors.



Don't Forget Your Fruits & Veggies!

Did you know that students are required to take a certain amount of fruits or vegetables with their school lunch? This helps ensure students have access to balanced, nutritious meals.

At Umatilla School District, students have access to an unlimited salad bar at all four schools! They can take as much fresh fruit and vegetables as they'd like and choose from a variety of options each day.



Try Something New at Home!

Did your student get to try a new fruit or vegetable at school this quarter? Ask them which one they tried, what it tasted like, and whether they'd like to try it again! Trying new foods together can be a fun way to discover new favorites. You might even find something the whole family enjoys!

Thank you for reading the first edition of Tasty Times! We look forward to sharing more updates, new recipes, and student activities in our next issue.

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Tiempos Sabrosos

Actualización nutricional de la USD

¡Bienvenidos a Tiempos Sabrosos!

¡Bienvenidos a Tasty Times, el boletín trimestral de nutrición del Distrito Escolar de Umatilla! Cada trimestre, compartiremos novedades de nuestras cocinas escolares, presentaremos nuevos alimentos y recetas, y destacaremos cómo los estudiantes aprenden sobre nutrición. ¡Aquí les mostramos un resumen de lo que hemos estado haciendo este trimestre!

¡Novedad en el menú!

Nuestro equipo de Servicios de Nutrición ha estado muy ocupado probando nuevas recetas y aportando diferentes sabores a los menús escolares. Este año, como novedad, ofrecemos pollo Alfredo, boles de pollo frito y empanadas de pollo y queso.



Nuestro pollo Alfredo se prepara desde cero, con pasta bañada en una cremosa salsa Alfredo y pollo.

Otro plato casero, nuestro bol de pollo frito estilo palomitas lleva puré de patatas, salsa y pollo frito estilo palomitas. Los alumnos también pueden añadir maíz.

Las empanadas de pollo y queso tienen un relleno sabroso envuelto en una masa de hojaldre.

Semana Nacional del Almuerzo Escolar



Las escuelas McNary Heights y Columbia Vista Intermediate celebraron la Semana Nacional del Almuerzo Escolar, del 12 al 16 de octubre, con una divertida temática de circo en la cafetería.

Como parte de la celebración, nuestra educadora en nutrición, Lourdes, trajo un toque de magia al aula. Los estudiantes observaron trucos de magia con alimentos y dieron rienda suelta a su creatividad fabricando sus propios sombreros y varitas de circo.

¡Fue una forma divertida de celebrar las comidas escolares y, al mismo tiempo, entusiasmar a los estudiantes con la comida y la nutrición!

¡Ya se acercan nuestras comidas de Acción de Gracias!

¡Nos estamos preparando para nuestras tradicionales comidas de Acción de Gracias! Las familias tendrán la oportunidad de disfrutar de una comida especial junto a sus estudiantes en la escuela este noviembre.

Los boletos se vendieron durante las conferencias de padres y maestros. Si no tuvo la oportunidad de comprar boletos, comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo o hija para preguntar si todavía hay disponibles.

Fechas del banquete de Acción de Gracias

18 de noviembre de 2026
- Columbia Vista Intermediate
- Escuela Secundaria Umatilla

19 de noviembre de 2026
- Escuela primaria McNary Heights
- Escuela Secundaria Clara Brownell

¡Comidas gratis para todos los estudiantes!

¿Sabías que el desayuno y el almuerzo son gratis para TODOS los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Umatilla? No se necesita solicitud y los estudiantes que participan en nuestro programa extracurricular también reciben cena y merienda gratis.

¡Solo en septiembre, nuestro equipo de Servicios de Nutrición sirvió 47.455 comidas gratuitas a estudiantes de todo el distrito!



De las granjas locales a los platos escolares

¿Sabías que algunos de los alimentos que se sirven en nuestras escuelas provienen de granjas y productores locales?

A través del programa "De la granja a la escuela", las escuelas pueden comprar alimentos a agricultores y productores locales, al tiempo que ayudan a los estudiantes a aprender de dónde provienen sus alimentos.

Este verano, el distrito escolar de Umatilla recibió 11.000 dólares en subvenciones del programa "De la granja a la escuela", seguidos de otros 50.000 dólares.

¡Eso supone una inversión total de 61.000 dólares en alimentos locales!

Estos fondos se han utilizado para comprar alimentos a agricultores y productores locales, la mayoría procedentes del condado de Umatilla.

El programa "De la granja a la escuela" ayuda a llevar alimentos cultivados y producidos localmente a nuestros comedores escolares, al tiempo que apoya a los agricultores y negocios de nuestra comunidad.

¡Frutas frescas, nuevos sabores!

En octubre, el distrito escolar de Umatilla comenzó a participar en el Programa de Frutas y Verduras Frescas, un programa financiado con subvenciones que ofrece a los estudiantes más oportunidades de probar productos frescos.

Dos veces por semana, los alumnos de McNary Heights, Columbia Vista Intermediate y Clara Brownell Middle School reciben una fruta o verdura fresca fuera de sus horarios de comida habituales.

El objetivo es dar a conocer a los estudiantes una mayor variedad de frutas y verduras, fomentar hábitos alimenticios saludables y ayudarles a descubrir alimentos que quizás no hayan probado antes.

La participación es totalmente opcional. Los estudiantes pueden elegir si quieren llevarse la comida o no. Cuando sea apropiado, también pueden llevarse a casa alimentos enteros o envasados.

Hasta ahora, los estudiantes han intentado:

- Zanahorias multicolores: ¡Las zanahorias vienen en más colores que solo naranja!
- Rábanos sandía: Estos rábanos tienen un centro rosa colorido que se parece a una sandía.
- Caquis: ¡Una fruta dulce y anaranjada que muchos estudiantes probaron por primera vez!
- Manzanas Kissabel amarillas: ¡Estas manzanas únicas tienen la piel amarilla con un sorprendente centro rosa!

Los estudiantes también reciben folletos educativos con datos curiosos, información nutricional y recetas de los alimentos que prueban. ¿Quieres saber más? ¡Explora los folletos a continuación y anímense a probar algo nuevo en casa!

¡HAZ CLIC EN CADA GRÁFICO PARA LEER MÁS!









¡Los estudiantes de Umatilla disfrutan de productos frescos cultivados en su cafetería!

Cuando los alumnos de la escuela secundaria Clara Brownell se sientan a almorzar, algunos de los ingredientes en sus bandejas no han viajado muy lejos. De hecho, ¡se cultivan a solo unos pasos de donde comen!



Este año, el equipo de Servicios de Nutrición del distrito introdujo un huerto hidropónico en CBMS, aportando una nueva forma de cultivar productos frescos para la cafetería escolar.

Tan solo un mes después de sembrar sus primeras semillas en agosto, el equipo cosechó su primera lechuga en septiembre. Posteriormente, la lechuga se sirvió en las barras de ensaladas de CBMS y la preparatoria Umatilla.



La idea surgió de la directora de nutrición, Rikkilyn Starliper, quien vio una demostración de hidroponía en una conferencia de la Asociación de Nutrición Escolar de Oregón.

"Mi objetivo es impartir formación en cocina casera y nutrición", explicó Starliper. Ella quiere que los estudiantes experimenten los beneficios de los ingredientes frescos, aprendan más sobre el origen de sus alimentos y comprendan "la realidad de que los alimentos son sostenibles y se pueden cultivar en casa".

A diferencia de la jardinería tradicional, la hidroponía no requiere tierra. En cambio, las plantas crecen con agua, nutrientes añadidos y un sistema de iluminación integrado. El equipo también cultiva hierbas como albahaca, cilantro y romero para usarlas en comidas caseras en todo el distrito.

Los estudiantes ya están notando la diferencia. Un estudiante le dijo a Starliper: "Los espaguetis saben mejor hoy", después de probar espaguetis preparados con albahaca fresca del jardín.

¡El programa también se está expandiendo! Gracias a una subvención de 5.000 dólares de Amazon, el distrito planea comprar un segundo jardín hidropónico para la escuela secundaria Umatilla.

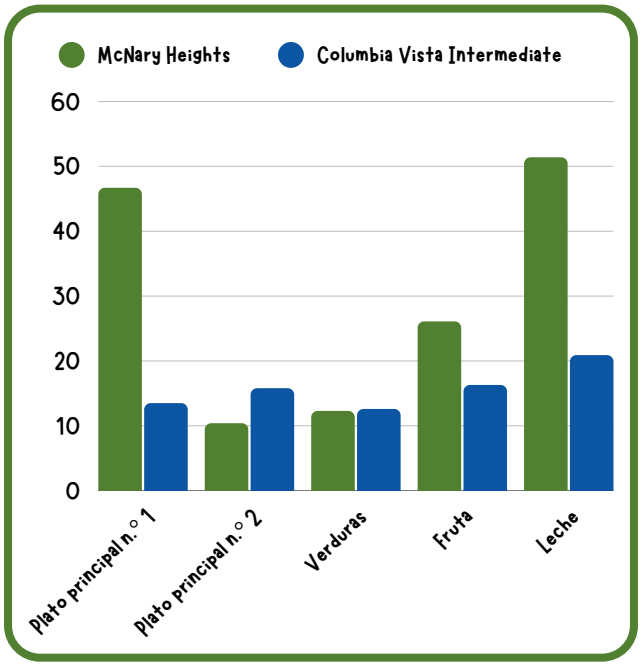
Analizando más de cerca el desperdicio de alimentos

¿Cuánta comida se desperdicia durante el almuerzo escolar? ¡Eso es lo que nuestro equipo de Servicios de Nutrición está investigando!

Cada mes, nuestra educadora en nutrición, Lourdes, realiza auditorías de desperdicio de alimentos en la escuela primaria McNary Heights y en la escuela intermedia Columbia Vista con la ayuda de estudiantes y voluntarios.

Durante estas auditorías, se recogen, clasifican y pesan los restos de comida y bebida para determinar la cantidad que se desecha. Los resultados ayudan a nuestro equipo de Servicios de Nutrición a comprender mejor el desperdicio de alimentos y a encontrar maneras de reducirlo.

Los resultados también ayudan a tomar decisiones sobre el menú. Si se está desperdiciando una gran cantidad de algún alimento, el equipo podría considerar retirarlo del menú.



Durante las auditorías de septiembre, las dos escuelas recolectaron un total de 226 libras de desperdicio de alimentos, siendo la leche el producto que más se desperdició en ambas. Una forma de ayudar a reducir el desperdicio de leche es recordarles a los estudiantes que llevar leche con su almuerzo es opcional.

Estas auditorías también brindan a los estudiantes la oportunidad de participar en el proceso y aprender más sobre el desperdicio de alimentos y por qué es importante reducirlo.







¡Los estudiantes ponen a prueba la ensalada de guisantes!

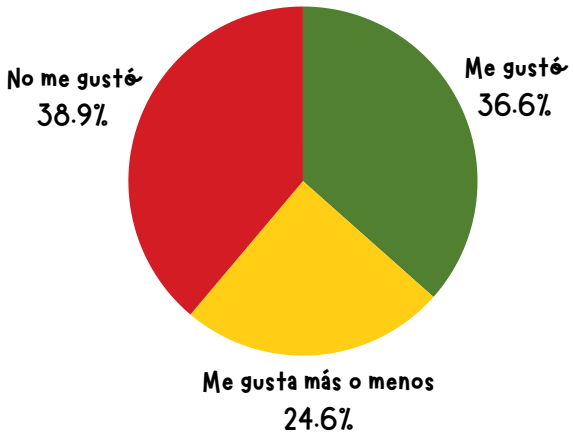
¡Los alumnos de la escuela primaria McNary Heights y de la escuela intermedia Columbia Vista tuvieron recientemente la oportunidad de probar una ensalada hecha con guisantes, mayonesa y queso!

Durante las pruebas de degustación, los estudiantes prueban diferentes alimentos que podrían añadirse a los menús escolares o a las barras de ensaladas. Después de probar cada alimento, indican si les gustó, les gustó más o no les gustó.

Un total de 430 estudiantes compartieron sus opiniones sobre la ensalada de guisantes. De ellos, 266 dijeron que les gustó o les gustó más o menos.

Estas pruebas de degustación brindan a los estudiantes la oportunidad de compartir sus opiniones y ayudan a nuestro equipo de Servicios de Nutrición a explorar nuevas opciones de menú.

No todos los alimentos nuevos serán los favoritos, ¡y ahí reside parte de la diversión! Al ofrecer a los estudiantes diferentes comidas para probar, el equipo puede conocer mejor sus preferencias y, al mismo tiempo, animarlos a salir de su zona de confort y descubrir nuevos sabores.



¡No olvides tus frutas y verduras!

¿Sabías que los estudiantes deben llevar una cierta cantidad de frutas o verduras con su almuerzo escolar? Esto ayuda a garantizar que los estudiantes tengan acceso a comidas equilibradas y nutritivas.

En el distrito escolar de Umatilla, los estudiantes tienen acceso a una barra de ensaladas ilimitada en las cuatro escuelas. Pueden servirse toda la fruta y verdura fresca que deseen y elegir entre una gran variedad de opciones cada día.



¡Prueba algo nuevo en casa!

¿Tu hijo/a probó alguna fruta o verdura nueva en la escuela este trimestre? Pregúntale cuál probó, qué tal le pareció y si le gustaría volver a probarla. Probar nuevos alimentos juntos puede ser una forma divertida de descubrir nuevos favoritos. ¡Incluso podrían encontrar algo que le guste a toda la familia!

¡Gracias por leer la primera edición de Tasty Times! En nuestra próxima edición compartiremos más novedades, nuevas recetas y actividades para estudiantes.

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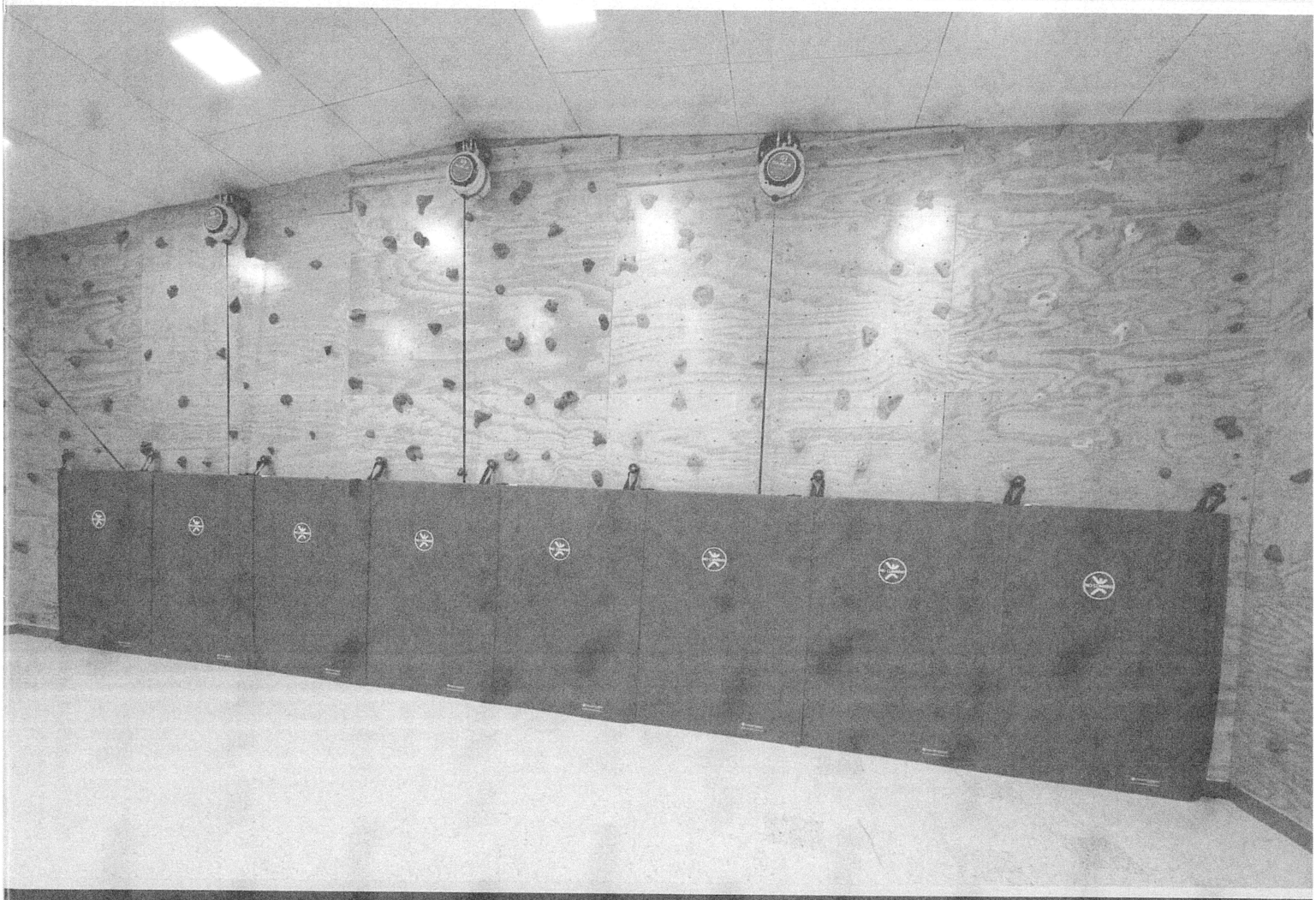
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Umatilla Community celebrates new CTE building and Columbia Vista Intermediate

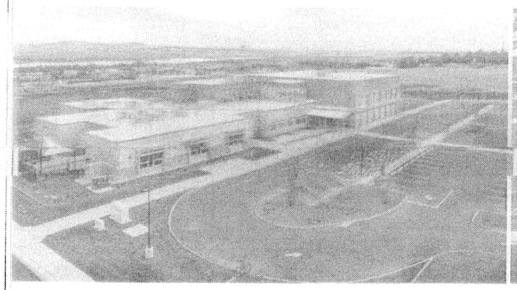
The Umatilla School District celebrated the completion of two major facilities projects – a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) building at Umatilla High School and Columbia Vista Intermediate School – with ribbon-cutting ceremonies and open houses on August 28.

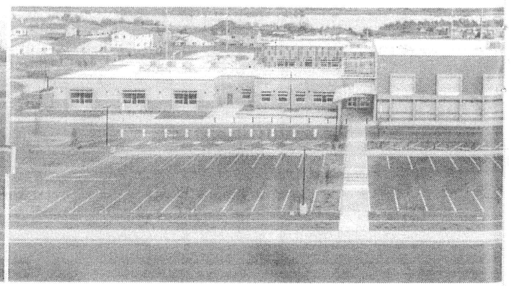
The evening began with a ceremony at the UHS CTE building, where guests gathered to tour the newly completed 16,238-square-foot facility. The building, a $13.4-million project, includes updated spaces for business, manufacturing, productions, art, and robotics programs, as well as a new softball field for athletes.

At 7:00 p.m., the community turned out in large numbers for the Columbia Vista Intermediate ribbon cutting, with hundreds of attendees filling the school's new gym to celebrate the opening of the 64,650-square-foot building, a $33.7-million project that will serve students in grades 4-6.

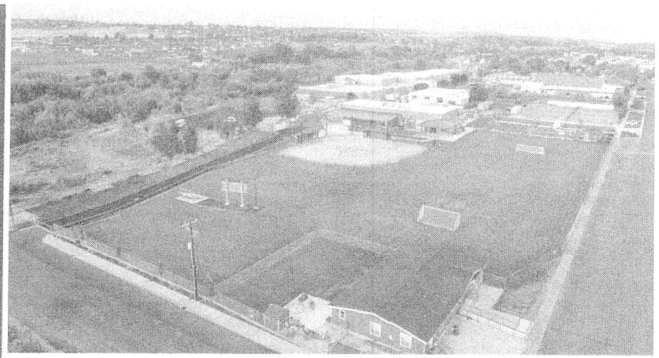
The facility includes technology-rich classrooms, flexible learning spaces, a full-size gym, and a soccer field. Guests also enjoyed frozen yogurt by Cuppa Yo, sponsored by MonteVista Homes.

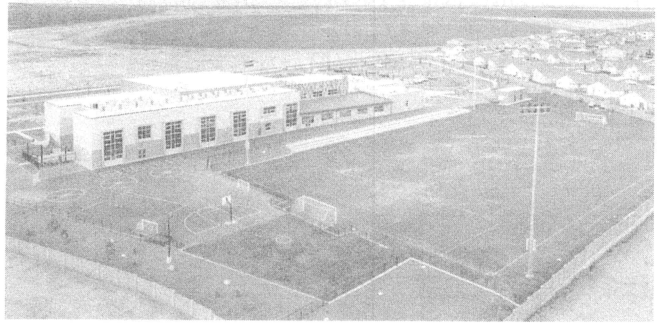
Several local leaders joined the celebrations, including representatives from U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's office and Oregon Representative Greg Smith's office, Umatilla County Commissioner John Shafer, Mayor Caden Sipe, and city council members Katie McMillan, Corinne Funderburk, and Bruce McLane.





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These projects were made possible through the support of the community with the passage of a local school bond and the leadership of the Community Engagement group, district staff, and school leaders, who worked closely with project teams Chervenell Construction, Design West Architects, and Alliance Management. With careful planning and collaboration, the projects were completed in just 14 months from groundbreaking, remaining on time and on budget.

"An achievement of this magnitude is never the work of just a few. It is the result of a shared vision and unwavering commitment from so many. I want to extend a huge thank you to our incredible school board for their leadership and dedication. To the community members who served on our facility planning committee, your tireless work and invaluable input shaped this building from a concept into a reality. Thank you to the voters, thank you for entrusting us with the opportunity to build this incredible space," said Superintendent Heidi Sipe.

She also expressed her gratitude to the design and build team for their exceptional work and to the McClanahan family, whose generous land contribution made Columbia Vista Intermediate possible.

Other bond-funded projects include HVAC and control replacements at McNary Heights Elementary ($1.65 million), seismic upgrades at Clara Brownell Middle School ($1.58 million), and ongoing projects such as the remodel of the old high school CTE building for Clara Brownell, a science room remodel, and updates at McNary Heights Elementary to convert it to a K-3rd grade school.

Board Chair Lesly Claustro emphasized the long-term impact of these facilities with her remarks at the new Career Technical Education building: "We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to discover their passions, hone valuable skills, and walk out ready to make a real impact. The advanced equipment and cutting-edge programs housed within these walls will empower our students to do just that – to become the skilled innovators, problem-solvers, and leaders of tomorrow." ❖



From Compliance to Invitation

How school systems in Oregon are gaining ground on the attendance battle by focusing on individual student relationships

BY SHELDON BERMAN

When 13 Oregon school districts agreed in January 2024 to confront chronic absenteeism together, they shared a daunting starting point. In 2023-24, one in three Oregon students was chronically absent, missing at least 10 percent of the school year and giving the state one of the nation's highest absentee rates.

The participating districts ranged from Burnt River, a ranching community of 65 students near Oregon's eastern border with Idaho, to Beaverton, the state's second-largest district with nearly 37,000 in the suburbs west of Portland. What they shared was a budget problem: A statewide fiscal squeeze left few able to add the nurses, social workers or family liaisons that research identifies as effective measures.

And yet 12 of the districts moved the numbers, posting reductions in chronic absence that ran from 4.2 to 10.6 percent in the first year.

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Heidi Sipe (left), superintendent in Umatilla, Ore., asked faculty to conduct "relationship audits" to gauge how well they knew each student and family.

They did it not by purchasing a program but by changing a culture. Their experience, documented in a study for the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators and AASA, carries a message: The most powerful attendance interventions are not policies or purchases. They are relationships that are within reach of districts of every size and circumstance.

'You Are the Strategy'

The largest first-year gain in the cohort belonged to Winston-Dillard, a rural district of about 1,300 students south of Roseburg, where roughly 45 percent of the students live in poverty. In one year, this district cut chronic absenteeism by 10.6 percentage points, from 43.0 to 32.4 percent — though the rate climbed partway back the next year, to 36.6 percent, a net two-year improvement of 6.4 points.

Winston-Dillard's turnaround rested on two strategies. The first was a detailed attendance handbook that reframed every staff interaction with families through an empathy lens, rewriting phone scripts and letters to emphasize partnership over penalty.

The second was a mindset, captured in superintendent Kevin Wilson's message to every adult in the system: "You are the strategy." Whether a student feels safe, known and willing to show up, he argued, depends on how each staff member treats that student. So staff members learned to ask, "What is going on for this student?" rather than "Why haven't you been here?"

Ask Students First

Banks School District, with about 1,100 students a half-hour northwest of Portland where one in five lives in poverty, took a different route to achieve a 7.6-point drop over two years, from 37.7 to 30.1 percent. Knowing that punitive tools like truancy notices already had failed, they chose one strategy and went deep. They asked students why they weren't coming.

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Through individual interviews, focus groups and pizza lunches with the 10 percent of students who attended least, the answer came back consistently. Students didn't feel connected to their teachers or engaged in the work.

As a result, Banks invested first not in a student program but in adult capacity, launching a staff-wide book study on educators' own social and emotional competencies and coaching teachers to shift from teacher talk to student talk. The district's premise was simple: When students feel they belong and someone notices whether they are there, they show up.

The Message Home

Transforming how schools communicate with families was one of the cohort's most consistent, high-impact changes. Three of the school districts show its range.

Lincoln County is a sprawling coastal district of about 4,800 students stretching from Lincoln City to Yachats, where 43 percent live in poverty and a quarter are Hispanic. Superintendent Majalise Tolan took an all-hands-on-deck approach, giving every school a 5 percent improvement target and rebuilding the message to families around three words — "We miss you" — in place of veiled warnings.

The district also folded attendance into its multitiered system of support and convened teams to address the housing, food and transportation barriers behind many absences. Chronic absenteeism fell 5.9 points over two years, from 45.0 to 39.1 percent.

Gresham-Barlow, a suburban district of roughly 11,500 students 15 miles east of Portland, faced one of the cohort's steepest starting rates. Under superintendent Tracy Klinger, the district, whose families speak 91 languages and where 38 percent of students live in poverty, replaced written letters that tallied missed days with communications celebrating days attended, trained school secretaries in strengths-based conversation and supported kindergarten teachers in home visits that lifted attendance in the early grades. Chronic absenteeism dropped 4.7 points over two years, from 45 to 40.3 percent.

Umatilla, a small district of roughly 1,400 students on the Columbia River, made connection itself the strategy. Superintendent Heidi Sipe moved away from the old, now-prohibited citation process toward what she called invitation.

Faculty in Umatilla conducted "relationship audits," reviewing class rosters to determine whether they knew each student and the family's story. Where gaps appeared, teachers adopted the "2x10," a two-minute conversation with a struggling student for 10 straight days about anything but attendance. The district, where 72 percent of students are Hispanic and 47 percent live in poverty, cut chronic absenteeism by 5.4 points over two years, from 38.4 to 33 percent.

Everyone's Job

Although every school district in the cohort launched school- and district-based attendance teams that tracked individual student attendance and planned interventions where needed, the cohort's two largest districts show how organizational commitment sustains the work.

Hillsboro, a district of about 18,600 students west of Portland whose families speak 165 languages, named "collective efficacy" its primary strategy.

Attendance is not just the attendance clerk's job, but everyone's. It convened school-based attendance data teams to monitor attendance and provide interventions. Its district attendance team enlisted leaders from counseling, student services and English language learning; built a data system that flags growth as well as problems; made attendance a central goal of its strategic plan; and integrated social-emotional learning with its equity work. Chronic absenteeism fell 5 points



Consultant Sheldon Berman, a retired superintendent, studied school districts in Oregon that treated attendance as a culture problem.

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Ryan Noss, superintendent in Corvallis, Ore., believes students' social-emotional competencies need daily attention, woven into the academic core.

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in the first year, from 35.4 to 30.4 percent, then slipped to 31.8 percent, a net two-year decline of 3.6 points.

Beaverton, Oregon's second-largest district with nearly 37,000 students and families who speak 98 languages, made attendance the centerpiece of a strategic plan organized around the promise "Belong. Believe. Achieve." Then-superintendent Gustavo Balderas told families plainly: "To belong, students need to be here." He made the share of regular attenders, by group and grade, the primary metric for its student well-being goal, with an explicit aim of closing gaps. Chronic absenteeism dropped 4.4 points over two years, from 33.1 to 28.7 percent.

Gladstone, a school district of fewer than 1,600 students 12 miles south of Portland, treated attendance as a community problem, not just a school problem. Led by then-superintendent Jeremiah Patterson and inspired by a campaign in Grand Rapids, Mich., "Gladstone Shows Up" enlisted local businesses, civic leaders, houses of worship and recreation programs around a single message on yard signs, posters, t-shirts and banners.

Data teams met every two weeks to connect personally with Gladstone students trending toward chronic absence. Chronic absenteeism fell 6.3 points in the first year, from 35.3 to 29.0 percent, before giving back some of that ground to 31.3 percent, a net two-year improvement of 4.0 points.

Small-Scale Relations

At the other end of the size spectrum, Burnt River, with 65 students spread across roughly 80 miles of eastern Oregon ranch country, where some children travel more than 20 miles to a four-day school week, showed that relationship-building scales down as well as up.

Superintendent Cassie Moore meets with families herself to surface the root causes of absence, teachers discuss individual students at faculty meetings, and project-based learning gives students work they don't want to miss. Amid rapid enrollment growth — the student body more than doubled, from 24 to 57, in one year alone — Burnt River's chronic-absence rate rose only modestly, from 33.3 to 35.1 percent. In a district this small, holding close through that kind of churn is itself an accomplishment.

Other districts pressed ahead on their own distinctive fronts. Phoenix-Talent, the cohort's most diverse and highest-poverty district at about 2,300 students in southern Oregon, paired "We see you" notes and peer mentoring with school-based health centers at all five of its schools. Silver Falls, a district of 3,700 students east of Salem, adopted the Winston-Dillard handbook and reframed discipline around restorative practices, cutting chronic absenteeism about four points over the two years, from 34.3 to 30.1 percent.

Building Belonging

Across the cohort, social-emotional learning was the most widely shared strategy. No district pursued it more deeply than Corvallis, a district of about 5,500 students in the mid-Willamette Valley.

At the elementary level, Corvallis' Caring School Community program opens and ends the day with morning and closing meetings, rituals that ensure every child is known by name. That same intent is carried into middle-school advisory and into collaborative literacy and math curricula in which making sense of a text or working through a problem also means listening, taking turns and depending on a classmate. Superintendent Ryan Noss believes social-emotional competencies are not a separate subject but a daily practice, woven into the academic core.

Examining the elementary classrooms where the community-building curriculum was implemented with the greatest fidelity, district leaders found those rooms also had the strongest attendance. The everyday work of helping students feel they belong translated into their showing up. Corvallis reduced chronic absenteeism by nearly 10 points over the two years, from 40.2 to 30.2 percent.

Why It Works

Two years of new research explains why these relationship-centered strategies pay off. A 2026 University of Chicago Consortium study, "Connection, Trust, and Learning," found the dimensions of school life most strongly tied to attendance, including safety, student-teacher trust, peer relationships and teacher-parent trust, mattered even more after the pandemic than they did before, and that schools serving nearly identical students had markedly different absence rates based on school culture. In other words, what a school does outweighs where its students live.

Most directly, a 2026 study by Evelyn Johnson, Emily Taylor and Jennifer Robitaille, published in *Social and Emotional Learning: Research, Practice, and Policy,* of more than 8,200 middle schoolers found that students who grew in social-emotional competence over a year were far less likely to be chronically absent than matched peers who did not, regardless of where a student started.

The implication is practical. Schools don't have to wait for students to arrive with strong social-emotional skills. Helping them build those skills is itself protective. That is precisely what the Oregon districts did, strengthening the relationships and belonging that social-emotional learning is designed to build.

The Path Forward

The stakes are high. A 2025 study by the American Enterprise Institute of attendance in Maryland and North Carolina found the harm of missing school to be linear: Every absence further lowers reading and math scores, with no safe threshold or tipping point.

None of these strategies is complicated. What they required was a decision to stop treating attendance as a compliance problem and start treating it as a culture problem. Whether a district has 65 students or 37,000, the lever is the same: schools where students feel known and valued and adults respond with care and curiosity rather than scowls.

Oregon's cohort now has grown to more than 30 districts, and their fuller record carries a second lesson.

Most school districts reduced chronic absenteeism over the period, several sharply, but progress was not universal. Some districts saw their rates flatten or tick back up in the second year. Some of that backsliding reflected a pressure largely outside the schools' control. As federal immigration enforcement intensified, fearful families in some Oregon communities kept their children home. In districts with sizable immigrant and English-learner populations, attendance fell most among those students, pulling overall numbers back up even where a district's own efforts had not flagged.

That unevenness is itself instructive. Attendance is not a problem a district solves once and then sets aside. The cultures that draw students to school are built slowly and can erode quickly.

The school districts that held or extended their gains treated the work as continuing, deepening it year over year rather than declaring victory and moving on. Chronic absenteeism, the cohort's experience suggests, is not an intractable condition but an invitation, one that must be renewed each year, to build the kind of schools students want to attend. ■

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McNary Heights Elementary School

November Board Report 2026

Home of the Mustangs

Principal: Nicole Coyle **Assistant Principal: Megan Lorence**

Enrollment:

As of November 5, 2026, we have 435 students currently enrolled at McNary.
Last year there were 425 students enrolled.
Enrollment by grade level: Kinder = 100, 1st = 122, 2nd = 106, 3rd =107

MOST Assemblies: We had the 1st Quarter MOST assemblies on Thursday, October 22nd. They went really well and it was so wonderful to hear all of the amazing things that teachers had to say about their students.

Fall Conferences: We had conferences on Nov. 4th and 5th. They went very well! We also were very fortunate to have a wonderful PTC who provided turnovers for staff breakfast. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Feast: MHES's annual Thanksgiving Feast will be November 19th during K-3 student lunches. Tickets were sold during conferences. This is a HIGHLY attended traditional event at MHES.

Safety:
We had our Earthquake Drill on October 15th at 10:15am and our Fire Drill on October 15th at 10:17am.

We did a lockdown drill at 10AM on October 29th (district wide). An officer from UPD came to walk through it with us. Staff and students did a great job following directions. Later that day UPD called us and we went into SECURE for real. It was lifted about 15 minutes later.

Character Traits for November:
Nov. 3 -7 Kindness
Nov. 10-14 Kindness
Nov. 17-21 Kindness
Nov. 24-25 Kindness

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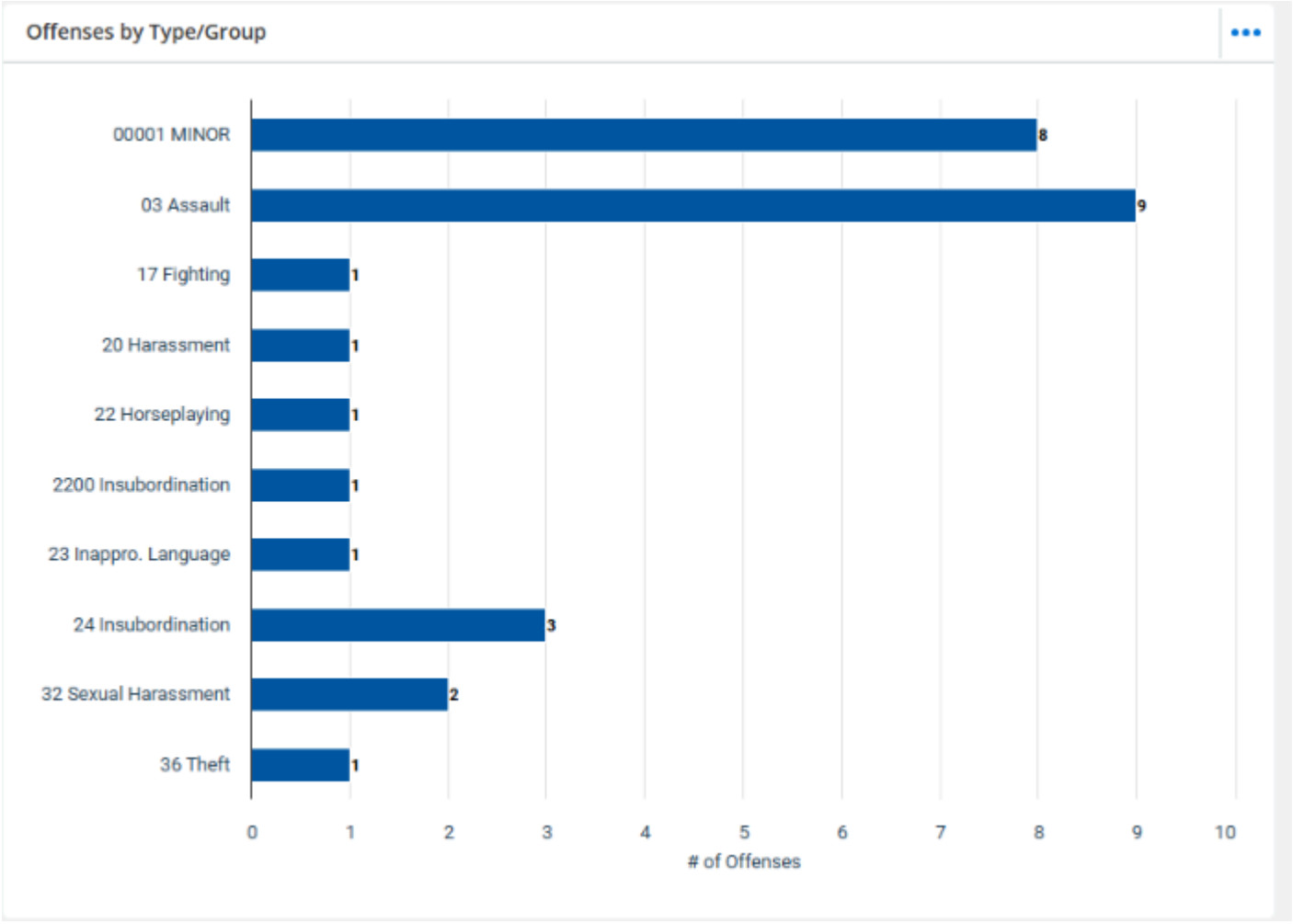
November Board Report 2026

Home of the Mustangs

Principal: Nicole Coyle **Assistant Principal: Megan Lorence**

Discipline: We have 28 Major referrals from 10/02/202/5-11/05/2026

The 1st Quarter Discipline Team meeting was held on 10/28/26. There was a lot of good discussion and brainstorming. One thing that came out of the meeting was additional tier 1 support with boundaries. Staff will be doing one class meeting a week with Wayfinder specifically working on this skill.



Columbia Vista Intermediate School

November Board Report 2025

Principal: Tim Young

Home of the Vikings
Assistant Principal: Kara Church

Enrollment:

As of November 7, 2026, we have 347 students currently enrolled at CVI.

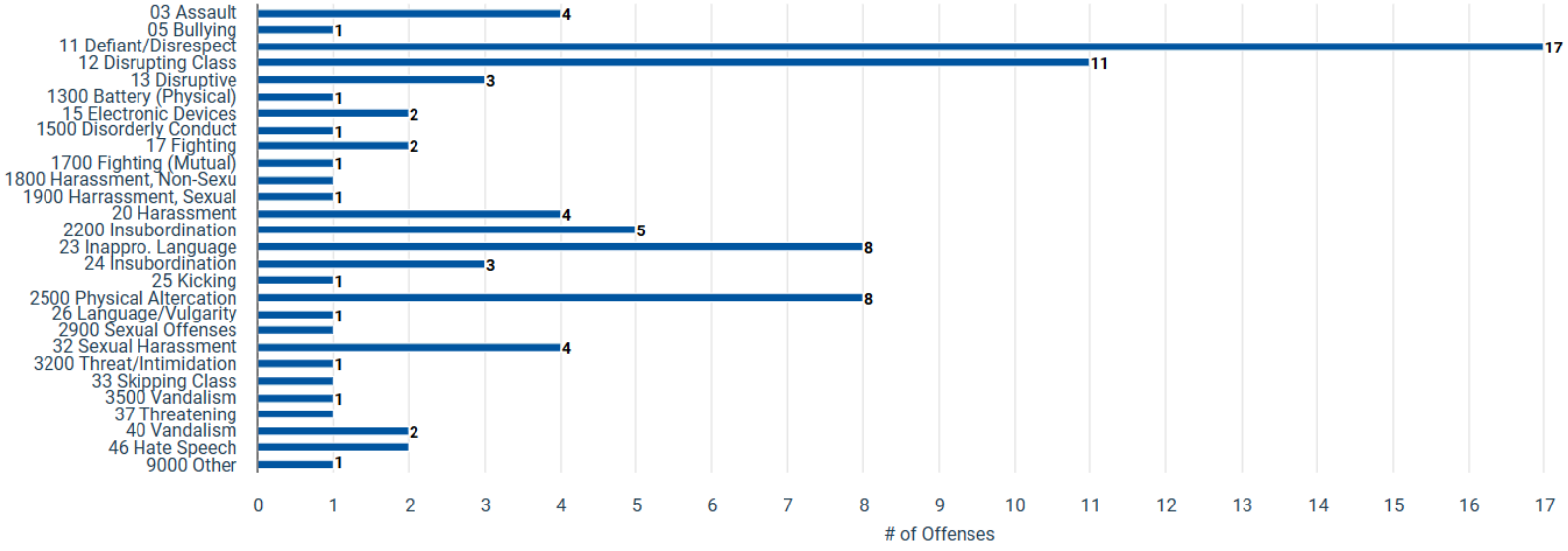
Enrollment by grade level: 4th =123, 5th = 129, 6th = 112

Conferences: We had conferences on Nov. 4th and 5th. They went very well! I'm waiting for teachers to report on parent attendance.

Rikkilyn and the Nutrition Team provided a wonderful meal for dinner, and it was amazing!!

REP Assemblies: We had our first REP Assembly of the year on October 21st. REP stands for Respect, Excellence, and Perseverance. For the first quarter, teachers recognized several students that have been demonstrating Respect. In the second quarter, we will be focusing on Excellence.

Discipline:
We have had 92 major referrals between 10/03/26 and 11/07/26.



We had our Earthquake Drill on October 15th at 10:15am and our Fire Drill on October 15th at 10:16am. We had a lockdown drill on October 29th at 10:00am and November 2nd at 8:24am.



Clara Brownell Middle School

November 2026

Fall MAPs Growth: Median percentiles Fall 2025-Fall 2026			
	Mathematics	Reading	Language Usage
7th grade	33rd (34th achievement)	48th (34th achievement)	50th (45th achievement)
8th grade	60th (47th achievement)	42nd (32nd achievement)	51st (40th achievement)

Fall baseline testing for CBMS shows some key areas for improvement, most notably in 7th-grade math. The great news is that we have Miss Roth teaching 7th-grade math once again, and her students from last year hit the 60th percentile for growth from fall 2025 to this fall and are nearly average for achievement. Growth numbers in language arts are close to average as well, and we'll look to extend those throughout the year. Our students are in very capable hands, and I expect to see those growth numbers where they should be this winter.



Students learned about the impacts of drugs and alcohol during our annual celebration of Red Ribbon Week, October 26-30. This year's theme was, Make a Difference, Be a Hero, Stay Drug Free. Students participated in fun, dress-up days and contests throughout the week, and they learned about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Thank you to Officer Claustro and the Umatilla Police Department, who led our assembly at the end of the week.

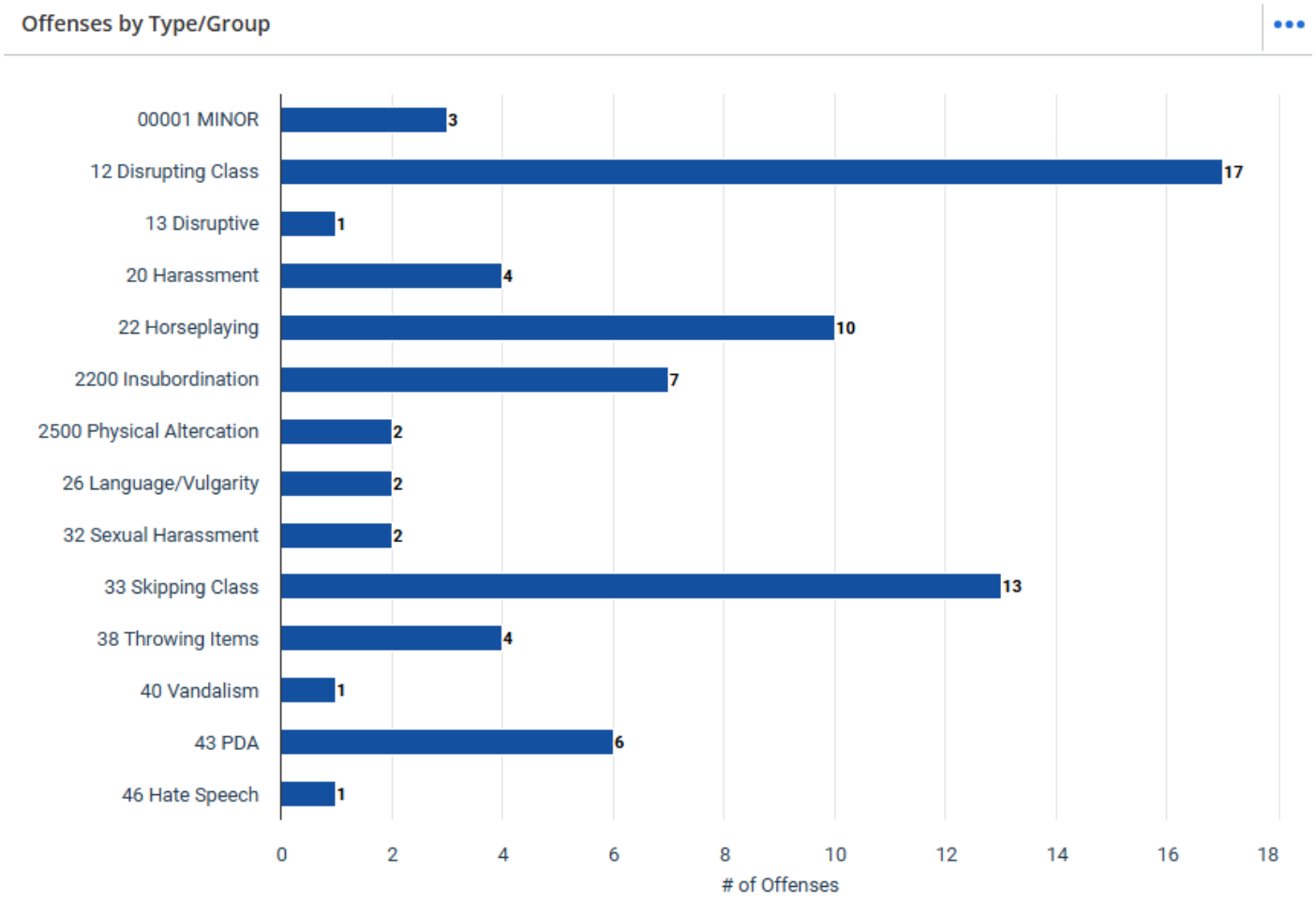
Upcoming events:
November 16: Umatilla Parent Club Meeting
November 16-20: Canned Food Drive
November 19: CBMS Thanksgiving Feast
November 20: Data Teams
November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

Enrollment 2026-2027

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
7th	119	119	120						
8th	115	116	114						
Total	**234**	**235**	**234**						

Discipline

We had 73 referrals during the month of October, outlined in the table below:



Athletics

Boys basketball season is in full swing. Their first games of the season take place this week, including our home opener vs. Heppner on Tuesday, November 10.

For the most up-to-date information on athletics and activities, please check out our District page: https://www.umatilla.k12.or.us/o/athleticsandactivities



Umatilla High School

November 2026

Fall MAPs: Median achievement percentiles			
	Mathematics	Reading	Language Usage
9th grade	41st	54th	55th
10th grade	44st	57th	54th
11th grade	43st	49th	44th
12th grade	35th (only 22 students)	58th	Does not rank
Overall	41st	55th	51st

Fall MAP testing results were strong for Umatilla High School, with median scores for achievement near average in almost every area. These are achievement scores, not growth, and they are a testament to the incredible work of teachers across the District. After years of focusing on growth in elementary and middle school, our high school students are now achieving exactly where they should be. As we look ahead to winter testing, our UHS Core team has set a goal to focus on and celebrate continued growth for high school students.



<u>Upcoming events:</u>

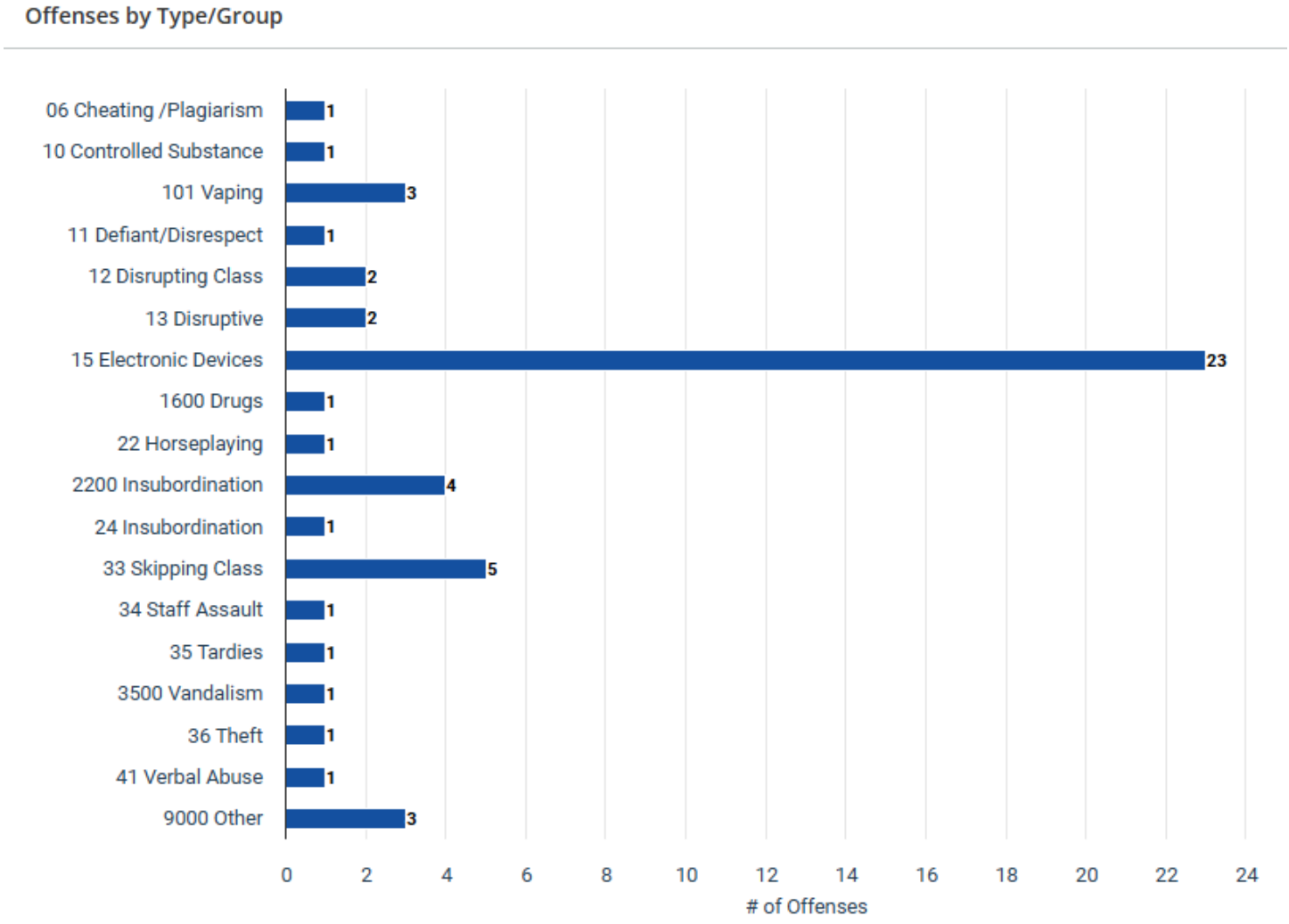
November 16: Umatilla Parent Club Meeting
November 16-20: Canned Food Drive
November 18: UHS Thanksgiving Feast
November 19-21: UHS Drama Presents: 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse
November 20: Data Teams
November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

Enrollment 2026-2027

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
9th	126	123	123						
10th	110	110	110						
11th	110	107	105						
12th	129	124	120						
Total	**475**	**464**	**458**						

Discipline

We had 55 referrals during the month of October, outlined in the table below:



Athletics and Activities

Girls Soccer were league champs for the 2nd year in a row. They started the playoffs with a solid win against Salem Academy. They moved on to play an incredible game against Sisters in the quarterfinal round; however, lost to penalty kicks after two rounds of overtime. We are proud of our Viking players and coaches!

Winter sports start this month, featuring girls and boys basketball, as well as wrestling.

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November Maintenance Report

This time of year is always a busy one for our department, between daily work orders, larger district projects, athletic activities, and preparing our facilities for winter, our teams have been staying busy.

The maintenance crew has completed approximately 200 work orders. This number does not include the many in person requests, day to day needs, or several larger projects taking place throughout the district.

Our grounds crew has done an outstanding job over the past couple of months keeping both our football and soccer fields looking great. They have also successfully completed the district wide irrigation blowouts at all locations, with no issues. With fall activities ending, the grounds crew will now shift its focus toward preparing our winter equipment, including snowplows and other snow removal equipment.

As we prepare for the possibility of winter weather, the maintenance crew will be receiving additional training on our snow removal equipment.

Our custodians continue to do a great job keeping our schools clean, with basketball season approaching, custodial routes will be adjusted slightly to ensure our gyms, locker rooms, entryways, and other high traffic areas are receiving the attention they need during this busy athletic season.

One of the larger projects recently completed was the solar panel installation at Columbia Vista. The finished project looks great, and we have already had a couple of our maintenance staff members participate in training on the new equipment. I'm excited to see this project up and running and look forward to seeing savings

While there is a lot of positive work happening throughout our department, I would like to take a moment to recognize the loss of one of our own, Jerry was a very dedicated employee who loved his job and took great pride in his work. He served our district for 18 years, spending most of those years at the High School. During my first two years with the district, Jerry and I had the opportunity to work side by side. I learned so many tips, tricks, and valuable lessons from him during that time. Beyond the work itself, I appreciated his experience, willingness to help, and the pride he took in what he did every day. Losing someone who has been part of our district for so long is never easy. Jerry made a lasting impact on our schools, our department, and the people he worked alongside.

STEAM Academy of Umatilla

Stephanie Williams, Program Director 541-922-6516

Andrea Enciso, Site-coordinator MHES 541-922-6710

Courtney Bivins, Site-coordinator CVI 541-922-6725

Tina Ridings, Site-coordinator CBMS/UHS 541-922-6555

November 2026

Dear Members of the Umatilla School Board,

Session One of the STEAM Academy After School Program officially wrapped up on Friday, October 30th. We are excited to begin Session Two on Monday, November 9th, continuing to provide students with engaging enrichment opportunities, hands-on learning, and positive experiences after school.

In the spirit of Halloween, the STEAM team created a haunted house room at the high school. With help from some students, spooky music, and plenty of scary spiders, the room provided a fun and festive experience for those who visited. It was a great opportunity to incorporate student involvement and creativity into our program.

Our STEAM team also had the opportunity to visit the after school program in Woodburn. We toured their program, observed their daily operations, and learned more about the systems and practices they have in place. It was inspiring to connect with fellow after school professionals, share ideas, and learn from one another. Collaboration with other programs is a valuable way to gain new perspectives and continue improving the opportunities we provide our students.

Upcoming UHS Drama Club Performance

The UHS Drama Club will be presenting *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* on November 19th, 20th, and 21st at 7:00 PM. Mr. Hill always does an incredible job with the drama program, and this production promises to be another entertaining and well-done performance. We encourage families and community members to come out and support our talented students!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Williams

ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

November 2026

ESL & Dual Language

Over the next two weeks I will be working on the Fall EL Collection for ODE. I'll be working with both Eric and Delma on this. While it's not difficult, the fall and spring collections are probably the least intuitive projects required of the program. We had to wait for the collection to open, or we would have done this much sooner.

Other than creating EL files for new students, I have completely turned that responsibility over to Delma. Before I leave, we will tackle files for new students.

I've met multiple times with both Delma and Eric, and I'm getting close to being able to hand over pretty much everything.

Eric attended an ODE Title III webinar last week (while I had jury duty). I look forward to debriefing with him about the information that was shared.

Libraries

A few days before Halloween, I enjoyed my last story reading at McNary Heights. I read "Los Gatos Black on Halloween," "My Monster Mommy Loves Me So," "Room on the Broom," and of course, "The Tailypo."

I worked will all the library assistants on book ordering, and for those involved, on how to run a Battle of the Books tournament. Several of the libraries, with the assistance of Christie Boen from IMESD, have done some more weeding. At MHES it was mostly old, warn out picture books, which is an area that I haven't previously weeded. At any rate, be prepared for a few weeding reports in the next few months.

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you!

David Lougee

Umatilla School District
Child Nutrition Program
October 2026

- We added three new entree choices to the menu In September:
  - Chicken & Cheese Empanada
  - Popcorn Chicken Bowl
  - Tuna Melt
  - Chicken Alfredo w a twist

- We have started harvesting lettuce and herbs from the hydroponic garden at CBMS.
  - We had a visit from Senator Smith and he was able to see the progress.
  - We were able to add fresh basil to our spaghetti recipe.Through our Amazon grant we were able to purchase a dehydrator and ground our own herbs to add to our recipes.







- In September we served approximately
  - 21,335 Breakfasts
  - 21,027 Lunches
  - 2,186 Snacks

- 1,897 Dinners
- 1,010 Adult Meals

➢ Next Waste Audit
- CVI- October 8th
- MHES- October 29th

➢ Next Taste Test- Pea Salad for Salad bar
- MHES- October 15th
- CVI- October 22nd

➢ National School Lunch Week October 12th-October 16th

➢ Oregon Crunch at once Challenge is October 22nd we will be tasting Organic colored carrots at CVI.

➢ Nutrition education lessons began inSeptember which include 11 classrooms per week. September has been focused on Gardening and harvesting as weather permits.



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InterMountain ESD Board of Directors Appoints Aimee VanNice as Next Superintendent

Veteran educator with 26 years of experience as a teacher, principal, and central office leader will guide the regional agency

PENDLETON, OR. — The InterMountain Education Service District (IMESD) Board of Directors has named Aimee VanNice as the agency's next superintendent, effective July 1, 2027. VanNice has served IMESD as Director of Human Resources since 2021 and as Assistant Superintendent since 2023. She brings 26 years of experience in education to the role.

"Aimee is a natural fit for this position," said IMESD Board of Directors Chair, Joe McElligott. "She brings the experience, the vision, and the trust of the people she serves, with resounding support from students, families, colleagues, and the broader community. She has shown she is ready for this next step, and we are excited to welcome her."

A Career Built in Classrooms and Schools

VanNice began her career as a teacher at Cielo Vista Elementary in Palm Springs Unified School District in California, where she taught from 2000 to 2005 during a state-directed school turnaround effort. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2004. She then taught at Lava Ridge Elementary in Oregon's Bend-La Pine School District from 2005 to 2012, serving as curriculum and instructional leader from 2008 to 2012, and was again named Teacher of the Year in 2012.

VanNice moved into school leadership in the Pendleton School District, serving as principal of McKay Creek Elementary from 2012 to 2015. In 2015, she was selected to lead the new Washington Elementary School, bringing together students, families and staff from three schools to build one school community.

She led Washington Elementary through 2021, focusing on school climate, establishing consistent expectations and systems, and improving academic achievement, attendance, and engagement.

During her time in Pendleton, VanNice's school participated in the School Wide Integrated Framework for Transformation (SWIFT), one of 20 schools nationwide selected to implement the framework in partnership with University of Kansas leaders. She also led development of a master schedule that served as a model for SWIFT schools nationwide.

Leadership at IMESD

VanNice joined IMESD in 2021 as Director of Human Resources. In that role, she led human resources strategy, recruitment, retention, and workforce planning, as well as labor relations, including collective bargaining and contract administration. She built a team and service structure that expanded access to human resources services across districts.

As Assistant Superintendent since 2023, VanNice has overseen the agency's Information Technology, Instructional Services, and Facility Directors, and partnered with the Cabinet on organizational structure, staffing, financial decisions, and resource allocation. She also led development of IMESD's "Look to the Future" initiative, which established the agency's short and long-term planning and direction.

Regional, State and Community Engagement

From 2023 to 2025, VanNice served as the Eastern Oregon Regional Coordinator and as an instructor for the Lewis & Clark College Principal Program, recruiting and developing aspiring school leaders and teaching leadership preparation courses.

At the state level, she serves on the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD) Program Cabinet and the OAESD HR Job Alike Committee. Locally, she serves on the Golden Circle of Champions Board, the CHI St. Anthony Hospital Advisory Board, and is a member of Pendleton Rotary.

VanNice holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Oregon University, a Masters degree in Teacher Education from California State University, San Bernardino, and administrative licenses through the University of Oregon and Lewis & Clark College.

"It's an incredible honor to be named the next superintendent," said VanNice. "Working for the IMESD over the last five years has shown me how special the organization and people we serve are. I look forward to continuing to build on the strong work of the agency."

Transition

To ensure a smooth transition, Dr. Mark Mulvihill will continue his work as IMESD's superintendent through June 30, 2027, and will assist VanNice as she prepares to step into the role.

Mulvihill said, "The IMESD board is to be commended for its process and selection of Aimee as the next IMESD superintendent. Aimee is a unique talent who combines skill and experience with a relentless work ethic. She is an outstanding education leader who will make a significant impact on the region. Aimee is the right choice at the right time."

IMESD Board of Directors Vice Chair, Jocelyn Jones, added, "Aimee has demonstrated leadership skills that have not only earned the trust of staff, but also fit what member district leaders have identified as essential. Aimee has knowledge of the systems and processes that the IMESD uses to support and serve each of our unique member district's needs quickly and efficiently. Her background as an exceptional administrator has given her the foundation to keep what's best for kids at the center of every decision."

About InterMountain Education Service District

InterMountain Education Service District is a regional K-12 educational service district in northeastern Oregon. IMESD provides special education, technology, school improvement, and administrative service support to its component school districts across Umatilla, Morrow, Baker, and Union counties and surrounding areas. Learn more at www.imesd.k12.or.us.

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Umatilla School District 6

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Public Comment at Board Meetings

All Board meetings, with the exception of executive sessions, will be open to the public. The Board invites the district's community members to attend Board meetings to become acquainted with the program and operation of the district. The public has a right to attend public meetings held in open session, and may be invited to share comments, ideas and opinions with the Board during designated times on the agenda. The Board may conduct a meeting without public comment.

Individuals with hearing, vision or speech impairments will be given an equal opportunity to participate in Board meetings and submit written comments to the Board. Individuals requesting assistance, aids or accommodations are encouraged to notify the district at least 48 hours prior to the Board meeting with the request, consistent with Board policy BD/BDA – Board Meetings.

Procedures for Oral Public Comment

The Board establishes the following procedures for public comment at Board meetings held in open session. The information will be accessible and available to all patrons accessing or attending such a Board meeting.

1. Public comment is limited to its designated place on the agenda and while time allows.

2. A person wishing to provide public comment, if an opportunity is provided by the Board during a meeting open to the public, will complete and submit the Intent to Speak card to the Board secretary prior to the Board meeting.[1] A request to give public comment in-person or electronically does not guarantee time will be available.

3. A person speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting may comment only on agenda items.

4. A person speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting should state their name, whether they are a resident of the district, and, if speaking for an organization, the name of the organization. A spokesperson should be designated to represent a group with a common purpose.

5. A person giving public comment is limited to an established time limit of three minutes. Statements should be brief and concise. If a person has more comments than time allows or is unable to comment due to time constraints, the person is encouraged to submit additional written comments to the Board through the district office as directed.

[1] When in-person attendees are allowed to provide oral comment, virtual attendees will be afforded the same opportunity.

6. Inquiries from the public during the designated portion of the agenda will not generally be responded to immediately by the Board chair, and may be referred to the superintendent for reply at a later date. The Board will not respond to inquiries that are expected to be addressed during another designated portion of the agenda.

The Board will not hear public comment at Board work sessions.

Procedures for Written Comment

Members of the public may submit written comments or materials to the Board at any time at the district office, by mail or by email to help@umatillasd.org. Materials or comments submitted at least 72 hours in advance of a Board meeting will be provided to the Board before the Board meeting, but will not be read at the Board meeting. Written materials or comments submitted may not warrant action by the Board.

Comments Regarding Staff Members

A person speaking during the designated portion of the agenda for public comment may offer objective criticism of district operations and programs. The Board will not hear comments regarding any individual district staff member. The Board chair will direct the visitor to the procedures in Board policy KL - Public Complaints for consideration of a legitimate complaint involving a staff member. Any association contract governing the employee's rights will be followed. A commendation involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

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