



**COALITION OF
OREGON SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATORS**



January 31, 2022

To: House Education Committee Chair Alonso Leon, Vice Chairs Neron and Weber, and Members of the Committee
From: COSA and OSBA's Board and Superintendent Equity Committee Members and Leaders
Re: Letter of Support for HB 4029: Board and Superintendent Professional Learning Bill

Dear Chair Alonso Leon, Vice Chairs Neron and Weber, and Members of the House Education Committee:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators and Oregon School Boards Association, we strongly urge you to pass House Bill 4029.

In September 2020, our membership organizations formed a Board and Superintendent Equity Committee to prioritize shared professional development for boards and their superintendents because the collaborative partnership between boards and their respective superintendents is critical for improving student success.

There is a growing body of research that connects how a board functions to student achievement. For example, boards that work together on the following core areas are able to help enhance student success: i) provide responsible school district governance; ii) set high expectations for student learning with clear goals and plans for meeting those expectations; iii) create the conditions districtwide for student and staff success; iv) hold the school district accountable for meeting student learning expectations; and v) engage the community.

As we reflected on the research and best practices in Oregon and around the country, and our lived experiences, we developed HB 4029 to help:

1. Strengthen the partnership between boards and superintendents in service of Oregon students.
2. Improve access to shared professional learning and training around educational equity and collaborative governance for board members and superintendents that is on-going, meaningful, and action-oriented.

Given the current landscape of board and superintendent relationships, we believe that HB 4029 is both necessary and timely. Not only will the bill benefit boards and superintendents across Oregon, most importantly, we will be able to improve outcomes for students through meaningful partnerships and collaboration.

We urge you to vote yes on HB 4029.

Warmest Regards,

OSBA and COSA's Board and Superintendent Equity Committee Members and Leaders

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