



Oregon PTA statement in favor of passage of HB4209

The Board and Superintendent Professional Learning Bill

Chair Alonso Leon and Vice Chairs Neron and Weber and members of the House Committee on Education, thank you for reviewing our Oregon PTA statement of support for this important bill.

Oregon PTA has advocated for Oregon's children and youth for over 100 years. Our experience with school board leaders and district superintendents has been many and varied. We know that a board and superintendent working together with educators and community means success for our Oregon students. The stronger the bond and clearer the focus on mission the more likely students will learn and succeed in schools.

We know many school board members and superintendents and have watched the path they have taken from the first days of their service to many years later. **HB4209** is the result of collaborative research and drafting to assure the best outcomes for our Oregon students. This bill brings the board and superintendent together to focus on shared understanding of what is working and what can be done better for all.

In our PTAs a critical piece to success is training, communication and support of our volunteers. We offer a variety of critical training opportunities to our members. This bill creates a similar plan for success built on focus, communication and support.

Oregonians expect a lot from our school boards and superintendents when it comes to shaping the school day/year and running school districts to help all students realize their full potential. A shared vision and understanding is critical for success.

This bill creates a plan of self-assessment and fosters a collaborative relationship between board members and superintendents. The responsibility of the education leaders covered by HB4209 is immense and the bill creates a structure to make board members fully aware of expectations, appreciates the supports available for them. A strong, mutually supportive and informed relationship between the leaders assures success for kids.

Thank you for your consideration. Please **Vote Yes on HB4209**

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