



Eugene School District 4J  
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February 3, 2023

Dear Chair Neron and Members of the House Education Committee,

The Eugene 4J School Board supports HB 2753 which would allow school boards to provide compensation in the form of stipends to it's elected directors. Further, we recommend that the language in the bill be amended to require school districts to reimburse school board directors for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as director whether or not the school board chooses to provide stipends to staff. As the bill is written now, it only requires reimbursement of expenses if the school board chooses not to provide stipends.

The 4J School Board identified this as a high priority for our Board during the 2023 legislative session. We strongly feel that the ability to provide compensation to elected directors is necessary to enable more diverse candidates to serve on school boards. The volunteer time commitment for a school board member is significant and for some individuals is not possible without some compensation and/or reimbursement of expenses. We want to diversify our school board membership to ensure we have all members of our communities represented and that school board members reflect the population of students and families attending our schools.

Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [newman\\_j@4j.lane.edu](mailto:newman_j@4j.lane.edu) for additional information or with any questions.

Sincerely,

Judy Newman  
Chair of the School Board's Legislative Committee