# Oregon Registered Teaching Apprenticeship Legislative Update



#### OREGON TEACHING APPRENTICESHIP

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#### Oregon's "Why"









- Remove barriers while upholding high-quality preparation and cross-organizational accountability
- Diversify the teaching workforce in Oregon
- Provide a clinical practice with quality mentorship over a longer period
- Increase retention of high-quality teachers
- Create a cycle of classroom teachers who mentor incoming apprentices



## **Collaboration and Program Accountability**

- Collaboration: School District, Community College, and University Partners:
  - Multiple on-ramps
  - Serving hard-to-fill positions
- Multi-Level Accountability:
  - BOLI
  - Apprentices
  - Local mentors
  - School districts & ESDs
  - University
  - Unions
  - JATC (Hillsboro and Woodburn SD & Wallowa County, Southern Oregon and Multnomah ESDs)



### **Investing in our Communities**

Current Active Apprentices (16) and their hard-to-fill Endorsement Area:

- SPED: 8
- Bilingual Educator and/or ESOL (Elementary): 5
- Advanced Mathematics: 1
- Bilingual Educator (Secondary, ELA): 1





#### **Continuous Improvement**

- BOLI requires annual program reviews covering 16 elements
- JATC follows a defined set of Policies and Procedures
- JATC Surveys Apprentices and Mentors
- Training Agents (Employers) are approved by the JATC and can also be removed
- Ongoing TSPC EPP program reviews (as with all Oregon EPPs)



















Completer: Dual Language Teacher

"After finishing the program, I was prepared to deal with the demands that any classroom brings with it. As you know, this is a demanding career, and every year is different. I love teaching; every day is a new opportunity to learn and keep growing."

#### • Mentor for Apprentice:

"The biggest benefit of the apprenticeship program is extending and enhancing the student teaching experience for the candidate. The candidate is employed full-time and as an added bonus, the same professors, program coordinators and university supervisor support them through the entire process."



# What We Are Hearing

• Principal Hiring an Apprentice:

"Apprentices we hire are like hiring a third or fourth year teacher."

#### • Another hiring principal has shared:

"I want to express my appreciation for the Apprenticeship Preparation Program. This program is a game-changer in addressing teacher shortages, especially in critical areas like bilingual education. I hope to see continued support for initiatives like this, which strengthen our schools and communities."



### Thank You!

**Oregon Teaching Apprenticeship** webpage can be found <u>here</u>.

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