

## COALITION OF OREGON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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To:	Senate Education Committee
From:	Parasa Chanramy, COSA
Subject:	Letter of Support for Senate Bill 905

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Education Committee

On behalf of COSA, we write this letter to express our support for SB 905. The bill allows Oregon school districts, Education Service Districts (ESDs), and public charter schools to eliminate paper records at each entity's administrative headquarters when the records are also required to be maintained electronically.

For context, the Legislature passed the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan in 2017 (<u>SB 1062</u>) which requires school districts, ESDs, and public charter schools to develop and adopt a Healthy and Safe Schools Plan to address environmental conditions. The law outlines requirements for each plan (for example, identify key points of contact; list all facilities that are subject to the plan; provisions for testing, sharing test results, and reducing exposure related to lead, asbestos, and radon; provisions for integrated pest management; and provisions for installing carbon monoxide detection devices), as well as, procedural steps for increasing transparency and fostering public trust.

Healthy and Safe Schools (HASS) Plans are expected to be easy-to-find, accessible, and understandable to the public. Currently, school districts, ESDs, and public charter schools must electronically post **and** maintain paper records related to their Healthy and Safe School (HASS) plans "at the administrative headquarters for the district or school."

SB 905 does two things. First, it maintains the original law's intention for school districts to share results and plans in a way that is easily and freely accessible online, as required by statute. And second, it will help save time and resources for school districts, ESDs, and public charter schools by eliminating paper records related to these plans when records are already maintained electronically.

Please vote yes on SB 905.