

ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT!

Attend FORUMS regarding CHANGES TO OREGON'S EDUCATION SYSTEMS

As you may be aware, the Governor is proposing significant changes to Oregon's education systems from Pre-K through college. Now is the time to learn more and weigh in on this critical discussion. Please review the documents below and attend the forum in your community.

Several observations you might have an opportunity to make:

- We appreciate the willingness of the Early Learning Council to listen to our concerns and agree to work with the State Interagency Coordinating Council on issues related to Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education services.
- Childcare is not only for young children. Please remember that older children and youth with disabilities currently receive services and funding through the Childcare Program. (Inclusive Childcare Program)
- All children means **all** children and we want to make sure that the high expectations for schools and our citizens also apply to children with disabilities. And when we talk about Oregon's 40/40/20 goals we need to hear how you will make those goals apply to individuals with disabilities.
- In order to meet these goals for children / youth who experience disability, we need strong leadership that will make a serious commitment to making it happen.

Community members invited to discuss education, from pre-kindergarten through college and career readiness

Seven meetings slated throughout Oregon January 17 to 30

The Oregon Education Investment Board will hold seven community meetings across the state later this month, to discuss next steps to improve student success in Oregon's public education system, from pre-kindergarten through to college and career readiness.

Thousands of individuals have already participated in surveys, offered ideas in public testimony and met with representatives of the Governor's Office around the state. Now local students, educators, parents and community members are invited to the meetings, to share their ideas to support student learning.

Each of the seven meetings will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. After a brief presentation on the Oregon Education Investment Board's proposals, most of the time is reserved for participants to discuss and share their thoughts.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Portland Community College Rock Creek Campus, Washington County
Rock Creek Event Center, Bldg. 9, 17705 NW Springville Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Chemeketa Community College, Salem
Eola Viticulture Center, 215 Doaks Ferry Rd. NW

Thursday, Jan. 19

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, East Portland
10301 NE Glisan St.

Monday, Jan. 23

Central Oregon Community College, Bend
Wille Hall, 2600 N.W. College Way

Wednesday, Jan. 25

North Medford High School, Medford
1900 North Keene Way Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Lane Community College, Eugene
Center for Meeting and Learning, Rm. 104, 4000 East 30th Ave.

Monday, Jan. 30

Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton
Rm. E 114, 2400 NW Carden Ave.

Each of these locations is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For other accommodations or language interpretation, please contact Seth Allen at the Oregon Education Investment Board at seth.allen@state.or.us or call [503-378-8213](tel:503-378-8213) at least 48 hours before the meeting.

In addition, a live web conference will be scheduled to allow participation via computer or mobile device at any location.

The Oregon Education Investment Board is proposing legislative action in February 2012 to streamline early childhood programs and create a system of accountability for student success from pre-kindergarten through K-12 to college and career readiness. Those are the recommendation of *Oregon Learns*, a report delivered Dec. 15 to the Oregon Legislature by the board.

Read the Dec. 15 news release, executive summary and full report:

- News Release ([html](#))
- Executive Summary, Oregon Learns ([pdf](#))
- Oregon Learns, OEIB Report ([pdf](#))
- Executive Summary, Early Learning Council Report ([pdf](#))
- Early Learning Council Report ([pdf](#))