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Jerome Colonna Mentor Support Fund

Supporting Early Career Superintendents

Superintendents are leaders of PreK-12 school districts throughout Oregon. Their roles and responsibilities are vast and varied, ranging from managing multi-million-dollar budgets to ensuring the safety of the staff and students in their care. Motivated by a passion to improve educational systems and achieve exceptional student outcomes, superintendents are crucial to the success of a school district. Every superintendent could benefit from the support of a coach or mentor, but in particular, those superintendents in the first few years of their career.

We need your help to ensure that mentorship is available to all who need it.

As a former, longtime Oregon superintendent, former member of the Oregon State Board of Education, and Retired member of COSA, Jerry dedicated his life to being an effective education leader and teaching other superintendents how to do the same. Before Jerry's passing, he helped COSA establish the Jerry Colonna Mentor Support fund by providing a significant donation and matching others that contributed to the fund.

Before his passing, Jerry asked COSA to help keep his vision alive by providing support to early career superintendents through an in-depth Academy which includes a 24/7 mentor for every first or second-year superintendent in Oregon. Participants engage in deep professional learning and receive regular consultation from their mentor, content support on timely issues, crisis management consultation and assistance with strategic visioning and planning.

We must do much more to mentor those individuals who start out in the wonderful-but extremely demanding-calling of superintendent. The first few years present the greatest challenges, but also the greatest opportunities to help. Let's keep Jerry's legacy alive by contributing to this important effort.

Thank you on behalf of Jerry and his constant modeling of effective leadership over many decades.

Jerome Colonna Leadership Bio
2006-07 COSA President
2001 Oregon Superintendent of the Year
University of Oregon Alumnus
Oregon Superintendent 1994-2011

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