



# THE OREGON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

*“You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time.” -Angela Davis*



UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**[New Superintendent Academy Year 1](#)**

**[New Superintendent Academy Year 2](#)**

**[SpEd Directors Academy](#)**

**[New Principals Academy](#)**

**[Assistant Principals Seminar Series](#)**

**[Equity Summit](#)**

## “Tomorrow’s Learning Landscape, Today”

It comes as no surprise that the education landscape has changed drastically in the last decade, and even more so post-pandemic. This year’s Summer Teaching and Learning conference focused on the hot topics facing education leaders as they prepare for the 2024-25 school year.

Keynotes included Dr. Joshua Starr on [Equity-Based Leadership](#), Jimmy Brehm and Amanda Bickerstaff on [AI Impact on Education](#), and Anne Brown and Dr. Tricia Mooney on [Engaging Your Full Community in Mental Health Strategies to Support Students](#).

This is a unique conference in that building and district leaders show up with their teams ready to dig into the work and intentionally begin the school year stronger than ever.

We look forward to seeing the tools learned in this conference in action this school year!



# A Message From the COSA Executive Director

**“The challenges we face are significant, but so are the opportunities to innovate and make a difference.”**

In my 5th week as the new Executive Director of COSA, I am filled with excitement and gratitude to embark on this journey with you as we prepare to welcome back students for the upcoming school year. While reflecting on the challenges and opportunities we will face this year, I am reminded of the profound impact your leadership has daily on the success and well-being of the students in your care. Each decision you make, every initiative you champion, and all the advocacy and support you provide to your students and staff will positively shape the learning experiences of countless young minds. Your dedication to creating a nurturing and inspiring learning culture will help us collectively elevate the standards and perception of public education across Oregon. I am inviting you to take every opportunity to share the remarkable stories of your successes, showcasing the transformative work happening in our public schools and inspiring others through our collective stories.

Your role as K-12 leaders is not just about managing schools and districts; it is about igniting a passion for learning, cultivating resilience, and inspiring the next generation of thinkers, creators, and leaders. The challenges we face are significant, but so are the opportunities to innovate and make a difference. Together, we have the power to transform our educational landscape, ensuring that every student has the chance to thrive. I encourage you to take full advantage of the outstanding professional learning opportunities COSA offers, including our conferences, affinity groups, and academies. These networks are designed to support your growth, foster collaboration, and empower you with the tools and knowledge needed to lead effectively. There will be numerous opportunities this year to share your good work at one of COSA’s professional learning events. I am honored to support and work alongside such a dedicated and visionary group of leaders, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the 2024-25 school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time. My cell phone number is below and I am happy to engage with you on any topic.

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## Executive Committee Openings

The COSA Executive Committee currently have vacancies in the following areas. If you are interested in being considered, email your interest to [Cate Study](#) by September 1st.

### OASE

- Zone III Director Marion/Polk/Yamhill counties
- Zone X Director Lane county
- Zone XI Director Baker/Grant/Malheur/Wallowa counties



### OASSA

- 1A/2A Schools Member-at-Large
- 3A/4A Schools Member-at-Large
- Jr. High/Middle School Representative

### OESPA

- Willamette Valley Region Representative

### OACOA

- (3) At-Large Representatives.



## Policy and Advocacy Update

At the Summer Pre-Conference in July, our Policy and Advocacy team reconvened both COSA Workgroups to continue our work together in developing our 2025 Legislative Priorities. The COSA Student Supports Workgroup reviewed research reports and data around student accelerated learning and the educator workforce. They also began to further refine their policy and advocacy goals around student mental and behavioral health, attendance, special education, and summer learning. The COSA Funding Workgroup shared important developments in the Current Service Level (CSL) Calculation process, as well as outlined their key findings and goals around: stable, equitable, and adequate funding; special education funding; and school facilities funding. Both workgroups will meet virtually on August 22 to continue to develop their recommendations for action as we prepare for the 2025 Legislative Session.

September 26-27, 2024

# EQUITY EVOLUTION

Courageous Past, Transformative Future



## 2024 EQUITY EVOLUTION Courageous Past, Transformative Future

The 2024 Equity Summit is gearing up to be an unforgettable event. Join us September 26-27 at the Salem Convention Center to see equity in action. Learn from leaders in the field and around the state and find ways you can bring real, transformative practice back to your building.

[Click here to register.](#)

## COSA Leaders Represent Oregon at National Conference

In July, COSA had an opportunity to convene OASSA and OESPA leaders for the United National Conference on School Leadership in Nashville, TN. Participants spent 3 days digging into educational leadership and heard inspiring keynotes from award-winning authors, national news correspondents, and CEOs.

Phoenix-Talent School District's Heather Lowe shared of the experience, **"There are no words that can adequately express my gratitude for this opportunity. My heart and mind are full of inspiring content. I cannot wait to get back to work!"**

If you are looking for ways to get involved in your organization, contact your OASSA President [Christy Hartford](#) or your OESPA President [Tobey Huddleston](#).





# COLLABORATIVE CORNER

## COSA Partner Programs Powering Student Success

*COSA is partially supported by Partners that provide many important goods and services for education. The Collaborative Corner will feature partner highlights and resources in each monthly communication.*

### ThoughtExchange

AI has emerged as a transformative force in K-12 education, promising to enhance learning experiences and streamline teaching and administrative tasks.

**ThoughtExchange** has released a new resource, The Playbook for Responsible Use of AI in Education, which will help you learn strategies for responsible AI use, develop clear policies, and engage educational partners to align AI with district goals.

[Get the Guide here](#)



### **Lexia aligns to the Early Literacy Success Initiative**

For 40 years, Lexia has helped Oregon learners read, write, and speak with confidence. We understand that early literacy success is a top priority in Oregon. We support Early Literacy Success through the science of reading-based literacy solutions that champion students and educators.

Our proven solutions for teachers and students develop and boost literacy. Our literacy programs provide explicit, systematic, personalized learning on critical reading and language skills to accelerate development and provide data-driven plans to differentiate instruction for ALL Oregon students.

[Learn more here](#)



The **Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)**, in partnership with COSA, is honored to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams in leading all aspects of digital learning transformations.

**CoSN Membership:** If you, your school or district would like more information about joining CoSN or getting more involved with CoSN, please contact [membership@cosn.org](mailto:membership@cosn.org).

**Data Privacy Survey:** Assuring that school districts are equipped to deal with the multiple, ever-changing, challenges involved in protecting data privacy, while also following legal requirements and community expectations is a high priority for CoSN. In order to ensure that the CoSN resources are current when it comes to assuring data privacy, CoSN is inviting school leaders to participate in the recently released CoSN Student Data Privacy: Understanding the National Landscape Survey.

[Click here to take the survey](#)

[Learn more here](#)

*Do you have information you'd like to feature in The Oregon School Administrator? Contact Cate Study at [cate@cosa.k12.or.us](mailto:cate@cosa.k12.or.us)*