



## 2021 Oregon Small Schools Conference

### Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

3:00-5:00 ..... Opening/OSSA Panel Session ..... Long House

Featuring: Thought Exchange Activity, Forecast5, Panel of Your Peers

Speakers: Michael Carter, Superintendent, Lake County SD  
Eric Milburn, Superintendent, Perrydale SD  
Gail Buermann-Neumann, Superintendent, North Lake SD  
Guests

Evening..... Dinner on your own.

**ALL SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS.**

### Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30-8:00 ..... Registration ..... Terrace Room

7:30-8:00 ..... Breakfast Served in Cohort Rooms..... Council House / Long House

8:00-9:15 ..... General Session..... Long House

#### **Moving Through Challenging Times**

Keynote: Rick Robinson, Ph.D., Dr Rick Robinson's Neurodevelopmental Lens; Contributing Partner, 321Insight

The challenges we have faced in the last year and continue to face have illuminated our strengths and areas of resilience. Simultaneously we have experienced challenges that clearly reveal areas we need to develop and improve upon in order to optimally serve all of our students, families and caregivers and the school community at large. With a trauma-informed and neurodevelopmental lens we will explore opportunities for growth and change presented by our current challenges.

9:15-9:30 ..... Break

9:30-10:30 ..... Breakouts: Round I

**Measuring Success During Challenging Times**..... Long House

Speaker: Karen Burke, Senior Vice President-Scholastic Education, Scholastic

The continuing COVID-19 pandemic has forced school districts across the nation to quickly adapt their approach to teaching and learning, with widespread variation in the response. COVID-19 didn't just change where and how we educate students, it also has changed how we measure success. During the pandemic it is critical to view key performance indicators as a way to provide health checks as well as measures of academic progress. Data offers opportunities to guide our next steps and ensures we provide the "just in time" support needed for educators, students, and families. Explore ideas and strategies to assess teaching and learning conditions and measure student progress and engagement in a remote or hybrid learning settings.

**Dynamic Energy Solutions: Partnering with Energy Trust of Oregon** ..... Council House

Speakers: Greg Wright, President/Founder, NetZero Energy dba Dynamic Energy Solutions  
Barry Redman, Vice President/Operations / Founder, NetZero Energy dba Dynamic Energy Solutions

This session will show you how to subsidize your Lighting, Energy, and Covid safety protocols. Learn from districts that have saved thousands of dollars improving their schools.

10:30-10:45..... Break

10:45-11:45..... Breakouts: Round II

**Smaller District, Bigger To-Do List – How Data Tools Can Help**..... Long House

Speaker: Jeff Carew, Managing Director, Forecast5 Analytics, Inc.

Small districts know that a smaller size doesn't signify a reduced set of needs or less significant challenges. How are smaller districts ensuring that they have the capability to address these challenges even if their resources are limited? Districts across the country are tapping into data analytics to help them generate customized perspectives on organizational, financial, and student-related trends, as well as benchmark peer performance—helping small districts answer the big questions they're currently facing. Please plan to bring your laptop, and watch for an email to come this week with a registration link.

**More Than Catching Up: Accelerating Student Learning through the Summer and Beyond**..... Council House

Speaker: Karen Burke, Senior Vice President-Scholastic Education, Scholastic

Extended learning opportunities including summer, after school, and at-home connections are more important than ever during this unprecedented time. When districts provide engaging learning situations beyond the school day, students are afforded time to practice and build knowledge while continuing to strengthen relationships with friends to ensure every student belongs. Join us for a conversation on transformative strategies that close the COVID and summer learning gaps as well as promotes acceleration for ALL students. We will explore resources to re-energize students' learning through resilient, responsive instruction.

11:45-1:00 ..... Lunch (*provided in each cohort room*)

1:00-2:00 ..... Breakouts: Round III

**PACE Update and Legal Hot Topics** ..... Long House

Speakers: Dave Harvey, PACE Administrator, Oregon School Boards Association  
Callen Sterling, Senior Assistant Legal Counsel, Oregon School Boards Association

Come join Dave Harvey and Callen Sterling as they provide a PACE update and discuss and answer questions on a variety of legal issues impacting small schools. Topics will include the ADA, employee non-renewals and terminations, hiring, and a brief legislative update.

**Healthy and Resilient Schools: It Starts with You** ..... Council House

Speakers: Jennifer Guarcello, Communications/Grants/Foundation Director, Tillamook SD  
Michael Carter, Superintendent, Lakeview/Lake County SD  
Inge Aldersebaes, Associate Director, OEA Choice Trust

Even before the COVID pandemic, educators faced challenging situations that have led to burnout, compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma. Education is an emotionally, physically, and intellectually demanding profession, and educators are experiencing unprecedented levels of chronic stress. As a result, many are leaving the profession. This is not new, and the impact of COVID has made fostering educators' emotional, social, and mental well-being more important than ever. Research confirms that health and well-being are key drivers of staff engagement, leading to fewer absences, greater concentration, more energy, better relationships, and a positive environment for teaching and learning. Join this session to learn how Oregon School Districts have made educator and staff health and wellbeing a priority. Participants will take away ideas and resources for how to plan and implement a robust school employee wellness program for all employees, from the transportation team to the superintendent, among administrators, teachers, assistants, bus drivers, nutrition services, employee well-being.

Participants will be able to:

- Make the education case for investing in school employee wellness.
- Learn about Oregon School Districts' approach to planning and implementing their school employee wellness initiative to address the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all educators, from the transportation team to the Superintendent.
- Describe OEA Choice Trust's approach to supporting the health and wellbeing of Oregon public school employee through grant making professional development, resources, and partnerships.

2:00-2:15 ..... Break

2:15-3:15 ..... Breakouts: Round IV

**OSAA Athletics and Activities Update** ..... Long House

Speaker: Peter Weber, Executive Director, Oregon School Activities Association

In this session Peter Weber will review the 2020-21 school year as it relates to OSAA athletics and activities for member schools, as well as look ahead to the 2021-22 school year. Interactive Session.

**High Quality Decisions: Better Outcomes for Students, Improved Collaboration for Staff** ..... Council House

Speaker: Chris Spetzler, Executive Director, Decision Education Foundation, Stanford University

From Decision Skills improving academic outcomes for students to tools used by educators to reach better decisions faster with better results, join Chris and Oregon school leaders to share their story of implementing a decision process that can empower all your district's stakeholders.

3:15-3:30 ..... Break

3:30-4:00 ..... Closing Session - Thank you for attending!

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