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2024 OASE Election Candidates - Zone VIII

COSA President-Elect:

[Kimberly Miles, Principal, East Gresham Elementary/Gresham-Barlow SD](#)

OASE President-Elect:

[Adam Watkins, Superintendent, Blachly SD](#)

Zone VIII Director:

[Aaron Duff, Superintendent, Milton-Freewater SD](#)



Kimberly Miles, Principal, East Gresham Elementary/Gresham-Barlow SD

Running for the position of COSA President-Elect presents a unique opportunity to contribute significantly to the advancement of education in Oregon. Being a part of COSA provides a platform to collaborate with other passionate education leaders, share best practices, and drive positive change in the educational landscape. Ultimately, running for this position aligns with my commitment to serving the education community and making a meaningful difference in the lives of students and educators across Oregon.

As COSA President-Elect, my primary goal is to further the mission of COSA by facilitating collaborative planning of professional learning experiences for Oregon administrators. These opportunities will serve as platforms for educators to connect, exchange ideas, and enhance their leadership skills. By fostering a culture of shared learning and leadership, we can continue to advocate for schools, support staff, and ultimately, improve outcomes for students across the state

As a learner who leads, I have held various leadership roles and served on several committees, showcasing my dedication to education and continuous improvement:

Current President of OESPA, demonstrating my commitment to advocating for educational excellence at both the state and local levels.

Experience as a School Improvement Collaborator, where I have worked collaboratively with colleagues to identify and implement strategies for enhancing school performance.

Shared Leadership Facilitator, facilitating collaborative decision-making processes to empower stakeholders and foster a culture of shared responsibility.

Early Reading Systems Specialist, specializing in implementing effective reading programs and interventions to support early literacy development.

Successful facilitation of a federally funded turnaround school through the Oregon Department of Education, showcasing my ability to lead transformative initiatives and drive positive change within schools.

These roles and experiences highlight my diverse skill set, passion for education, and commitment to serving students, educators, and communities.



Adam Watkins, Superintendent, Blachly SD

I am honored to be nominated and run for President-Elect of OASE. I am committed to advancing educational leadership and excellence in Oregon. I believe strongly in OASE's mission to support administrators in their efforts to provide quality education to students across our state. I am passionate about fostering collaboration among educational leaders, advocating for innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and promoting equity and inclusivity. I aim to lean on my experience and the tremendous leaders across the state in continuing the growth and success of OASE and its members.

As OASE President-Elect, I plan to focus on several key initiatives:

1. I aim to strengthen professional development opportunities for school administrators, ensuring that our conferences provide the latest research and best practices in educational leadership.
2. I am committed to fostering collaboration and networking among members, facilitating the exchange of ideas and resources to enhance educational outcomes.
3. Finally, I intend to advocate for policies that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion in Oregon's school system, striving to create learning environments that support the success of all students.

Currently serve as Region X OASE Executive Committee member, OSAA Executive Board & Delegate Assembly Representative, OASE Professional Development Planning Team, OASS Budget Committee, OASE Advocate w/ ODE and Governor's office, Past OADA Executive Board



Aaron Duff, Superintendent, Milton-Freewater SD

Over the years as a MFUSD Pioneer, I have held a few different positions that have allowed me to see the district, its educators, students and community through various lenses. In 2012, I transitioned from the classroom to being an elementary principal, where I gained experience at the K-5 level. In 2017, our community showed their support by passing a bond to build a new school and modernize all buildings in the district. At that time, I was chosen to move into the Director of Operations and overseeing the \$33 million of bond work. Finally, in 2019, I was appointed Superintendent.

My experiences here in Milton-Freewater continue to drive my passion and desire for creating a safe and welcoming environment that fosters the delivery of superior education to ALL.