

# Be Your Best and Add a Little Laughter to Your Leadership!



## Oregon Small Schools Association Annual Conference April 18-19, 2024 • Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Welches, OR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

12:30 to 2:30	.....OSSA Board Meeting and Luncheon ( <i>sponsored by: Decision Education Foundation</i> )	..... Ballroom
3:30 to 4:15	.....Hot Topics	..... Ballroom
4:30 to 5:00	..... <b>KICK-OFF KEYNOTE</b> – Brad Montgomery “Freshly Brewed Comedy and Mentalism”	..... Ballroom
5:00 to 6:30	.....Reception and Networking ( <i>sponsored by: Soderstrom Architects</i> )	

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

7:00 to 7:35	.....Breakfast ( <i>sponsored by: Wayfinder</i> )	
7:35 to 8:00	.....Welcome and Opening	..... Ballroom
	Welcome: Michael Carter, Executive Director, OSSA Eric Milburn, Board Chair, OSSA Tandalin Gerber, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and Board	
	Opening: ODE Deputy Director, Carmen Urbina	
8:00 to 9:15	..... <b>WELCOME &amp; KEYNOTE</b> – Brad Montgomery “Embrace Your Awesomeness”	..... Ballroom
9:30 to 10:30	..... <b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: ROUND I</b>	
	• <b>Social and Emotional Support Deep Dive</b> .....	Ballroom
	Speaker: Brad Montgomery, Motivational Speaker	
	• <b>Federal Child Nutrition Programs</b> .....	LoLo Pass Room
	Speaker: Dustin Melton, Director of Child Nutrition, Pupil Transportation, & Fingerprinting Unit, ODE Damasita Sanchez, Grants, Loans, and Programs Manager, ODE Meghan Tschida, Grants, Loans, and Programs Manager, ODE Michelle Fleener, CNP School Team Manager, ODE	
	• <b>How to Facilitate Adult SEL On Your Team; Building JOY Through Connective Spaces</b> .....	Barlow Room
	Speakers: Patrick Cook-Deegan, Founder & CEO, Wayfinder Bobbie Anderson, Director of Partnerships, Wayfinder	
	• <b>Administering Federal Programs: A Listening Session on Consolidated ESEA Monitoring</b> .....	Foliage Room
	Speaker: Liz Ross, Director of Federal Systems, ODE	
	• <b>Legal Topics for Small Schools</b> .....	Osprey Room
	Speakers: Haley Percell, Chief Legal Officer and Interim Executive Director, OSBA Callen Sterling, Senior Assistant Legal Counsel, OSBA	
10:30 to 10:45	.....Break	..... Registration Area
10:45 to 11:45	..... <b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: ROUND II</b>	
	• <b>Partnering with ODE: Proactive Strategies &amp; Supports</b> .....	Ballroom
	Speaker: Raeshelle Meyer, Small District Support Program Manager, ODE	

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- **Tips & Tools in Achieving an Accomplished School Board & Superintendent Leadership Team** .....LoLo Pass Room  
Speaker: Tandalin Gerber, Board Development Specialist, OSBA
- **Special Education Legislative Updates & Hot Topics** ..... Barlow Room  
Speaker: Elizabeth Polay, Attorney, Garrett Hemann Robertson P.C.
- **Breakthrough Coaching & Decision Making: Ready, Aim, Fire**.....Foliage Room  
Speakers: Rob Hess, CEO, BreakThrough Consulting  
Chris Spetzler, Executive Director, Decision Education Foundation
- **Visualizing Your Progress: Using Data Dashboards to Monitor Student Group Progress Toward Longitudinal Growth Targets**..... Osprey Room  
Speakers: Ella Taylor, Chief Research Officer, Willamette ESD  
Pat Ketcham, Senior Analyst, Willamette ESD

12:00 to 1:15 .....Luncheon and Awards (*sponsored by: PACE*) ..... Ballroom

### 1:30 to 2:30 .....BREAKOUT SESSIONS: ROUND III

- **Data Culture 101**..... Osprey Room  
Speakers: Ella Taylor, Chief Research Officer, Willamette ESD  
Pat Ketcham, Senior Analyst, Willamette ESD
- **Unemployment RE: Summer, Paid Leave OR**..... LoLo Pass Room  
Speaker: Jackie Olsen, Executive Director, OASBO
- **Sexual Abuse Prevention Consultant: Reporting Child Abuse**..... Barlow Room  
Speaker: McKenzie Nix, Sexual Abuse Prevention Consultant, PACE
- **Leveraging AI for Educational Excellence in Small Schools: Policies, Ethics, and Best Practices** .....Foliage Room  
Speaker: Brian Bills, Board Chair, Lake Oswego SD
- **How to Conduct Investigations in Small Schools Districts**..... Ballroom  
Speakers: Callen Sterling, Senior Assistant Legal Counsel, OSBA  
Kara Parker, Assistant Legal Counsel, OSBA

2:30 to 2:45 .....Break

### 2:45 to 3:45 .....BREAKOUT SESSIONS: ROUND IV

- **Raising Graduation Rates and 9th Grade On Track in Small High Schools** ..... Ballroom  
Speaker: Kate McLaughlin, Director of Student Achievement, South Umpqua SD
- **Small Districts: Navigating the Year Ahead**..... Osprey Room  
Speaker: Raeshelle Meyer, Small District Support Program Manager, ODE  
Angie Gunter, Education Specialist, ODE
- **Diving In: Attendance and Early Indicator and Intervention Systems!**.....LoLo Pass Room  
Speakers: Saskia Dresler, Operations & Policy Analyst, ODE  
Marnie Jewell, Education Program Specialist, ODE
- **Legislative Update** ..... Barlow Room  
Speaker: Morgan Allen, Deputy Executive Director of Policy & Advocacy, COSA

3:45 to 4:00 .....Closing Remarks ..... Ballroom

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