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OSSA names 2025 Superintendent of the Year ~ Dave McGrath

Oakridge School District, OR –

The Oregon Small Schools Association (OSSA) is proud to announce Dave McGrath, Superintendent of Oakridge School District, as the 2025 OSSA Superintendent of the Year. This distinguished award recognizes McGrath's outstanding leadership, unwavering dedication to student success, and transformative impact on the Oakridge community.

Leading a district that serves approximately 515 students in rural Lane County, McGrath has demonstrated exceptional vision, resilience, and a deep commitment to education. Under his guidance, Oakridge School District has fostered a culture of trust, inclusivity, and academic excellence. His leadership has strengthened community ties, improved student engagement, and ensured equitable opportunities for all learners.

"Superintendent McGrath's dedication is evident in every aspect of the Oakridge School District," said Michael Carter, Executive Director of OSSA. "From supporting students at athletic events to fostering meaningful relationships with educators and families, his leadership has brought lasting positive change."

McGrath's impact extends beyond administrative duties—his tireless efforts have resulted in significant improvements in student attendance, staff retention, and school infrastructure. His initiatives include enhancing disciplinary practices, implementing new attendance strategies, and spearheading district-wide upgrades, such as gymnasium renovations and security improvements.

The 2025 OSSA Superintendent of the Year award highlights the vital role small school leaders play in shaping Oregon's educational landscape.

Mr. McGrath will receive his 2025 OSSA Superintendent of the Year award at the upcoming Annual COSA Conference, Wednesday, June 18th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., in Seaside, Oregon. The OSSA Board of

Directors is delighted to honor Mr. Dave McGrath this year. He is an exemplary leader whose work has improved the success of students in Oregon's small school districts.

OSSA recognizes one superintendent each year who excels in his/her leadership position. Criteria include integrity, leadership, commitment to community, scholarship and student achievement. OSSA serves as an advocate for the benefits of rural education and small schools across the state. For more information, contact Michael Carter, carter.michael@lakeview.k12.or.us, or visit the COSA website, cosa.k12.or.us, which hosts the OSSA site.

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