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Legislators Attend Afterschool Learning Summit in Eugene

Summit is part of a 2024 law to improve student outcomes through summer and after school learning

EUGENE, Ore. – Today, legislators, educators, and educational service providers attended the Summer and Afterschool Learning Summit in Eugene. The focus of the event was to develop a long term plan for providing high quality after-school and summer programming opportunities to Oregon students, an effort that’s been led in the legislature by **Rep. Susan McLain (D- Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro)**, a former educator and long-time advocate for increasing outcomes in Oregon schools.

“I sponsored the Summer Learning Bill because the evidence is clear that summer and after-school learning opportunities foster success by improving readiness to learn, promoting academic achievement, and supporting social and emotional health,” said McLain. “Today’s event was another opportunity to move Oregon forward in providing these critical resources for our students.”

In 2024, the legislature [passed HB 4082](#) that required the Oregon Department of Education to study and identify how to establish Summer Learning as a permanent feature of Oregon’s larger K-12 system.

The summit is part of the law’s requirement to identify barriers, elevate promising practices and lessons learned, review research, and develop recommendations for a sustainable funding approach to summer and after school learning. **Rep. Courtney Neron (D-Wilsonville, Sherwood, King City, Tigard)** also attended the summit.

“We must make summer learning funding permanent to ensure ongoing stability and quality of our summer opportunities for Oregon kids,” said Neron, an educator and Chair of the House Committee on Education. “Our investments in 2024 in summer learning and the work the Oregon Department of Education is doing here at the Summit is integral to ensuring kids are getting the tailored services they need to rebound from COVID learning challenges.”

HB 4082 also invested \$30 million in school districts for summer learning programming across the state in partnership with community-based organizations and tribal nations that provide academic enrichment, by aligning with academic content standards in math, science, language arts, life skills, school readiness, or credit recovery.

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