



**REP. MARK JOHNSON
OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE DISTRICT 52**

**For Immediate Release
Monday, August 11, 2014
Contact: Kara Walker, 407-929-6727
kara.walker@state.or.us**

Representative Mark Johnson To Host Education Forum In Hood River
Participants Include Chief Education Officer Dr. Nancy Golden, State Treasurer Ted Wheeler And Local Hood River Education Officials

Hood River, OR - Representative Mark Johnson (R-Hood River) announced today that he will host an education forum in Hood River in September to bring together state and community leaders for a discussion of Oregon's education policies and priorities.

Chief Education Officer Dr. Nancy Golden, State Treasurer Ted Wheeler, Hood River County Superintendent Dan Goldman, and Columbia Gorge Community College President Dr. Frank Toda will all join Rep. Johnson to share their perspectives on statewide priorities and local implementation as well as outline goals for the 2014-2015 school year.

"I'm honored that Dr. Golden, Treasurer Wheeler, Superintendent Goldman and Dr. Toda have agreed to come to Hood River and participate in this forum," said Rep. Johnson. "This forum is the kind of broad discussion that is important for me and other policymakers to have as we consider our education priorities for the 2015 legislative session and beyond."

Forum topics will include: Oregon's education priorities and goals for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond; the K-3 state literacy initiative; a discussion of higher education in Oregon, including the Opportunity Initiative; and local K-12 and higher education perspectives and outcomes in Hood River.

Rep. Johnson has long been an education leader for House District 52, working to understand how policies created at the state level affect local communities. He is currently serving his second term on the Hood River County School Board and previously served as the chair for two years.

The forum is open to the public and constituents interested in attending can email Rep. Johnson's office at Rep.MarkJohnson@state.or.us for more information.

Thursday, September 4, 2014

WHO: Representative Mark Johnson
Chief Education Officer Dr. Nancy Golden
State Treasurer Ted Wheeler
Hood River County Superintendent Dan Goldman
Columbia Gorge Community College President Dr. Frank Toda

WHAT: Forum on Oregon's Education and Higher Education Policies and Goals

WHEN: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

WHERE: Columbia Gorge Community College, Indian Creek Campus
1730 College Way
Hood River, OR

PRESS: OPEN

###