



# OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## *JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SUCCESS*

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## **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SUCCESS KICKS OFF STATEWIDE TOUR IN LANE COUNTY THURSDAY** *Full Schedule of 10 Planned Public Hearings Released*

(SALEM) – The Oregon Legislature’s Joint Committee on Student Success will begin its statewide tour to explore the best practices employed in Oregon’s most successful schools, and address the gaps that are limiting student success in other schools, with a full day of activities in Lane County Thursday.

The 14-member committee will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. in the Sheldon High School Auditorium in Eugene. The Lane County activities are first in an aggressive schedule that will take the committee around the state, including to Eastern Oregon, Southern and Central Oregon, the Portland Metro area, the Willamette Valley and the South Coast over the next eight months.

“As a committee, one of our key tasks is to see firsthand what’s working in successful schools and determine how we can duplicate their success in schools across Oregon. Thursday is just the beginning of our journey,” said committee Co-Chair Senator Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay). “We’re going to visit some of most successful programs in the state. We’re going to hear from students, educators, community leaders and parents. I am confident we will find a path to give every Oregon student the opportunity to be successful.”

"Our state is full of thousands of hardworking teachers and education leaders who want to see our students succeed, and I am honored to be able to travel around the state to meet with and listen to them," said Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner), Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Student Success. "The future of our state depends on our ability to teach and train the next generation of Oregonians, especially students in rural Oregon."

The committee will begin Thursday in a listening session with high school students from across Lane County. Then, they will tour the computer science and career technology education programs at Churchill High School; the alternative program at Kalapuya High School; the Science Technology Engineering and Math program at Hamlin Middle School; the Preschool Promise site at Maple Elementary, and visit Mohawk Middle/Senior High School in Marcola. Before the public hearing, the committee will meet with area education stakeholders for a round-table discussion.

“This first hearing is just the start of a comprehensive effort to identify all of the factors that contribute – or are barriers – to student success,” said Representative Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland), Co-Chair of the Joint

Committee on Student Success. “What may work in one part of the state to support students from their elementary years to graduation and beyond may be different than another part of the state. We cannot let a student’s zip code predetermine their path to success – and this committee must recognize and address the unique needs of our students no matter where they live in Oregon.”

“We want to hear from Oregonians about what they want in their K-12 schools,” said committee co-vice chair Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend). “With that vision, the Legislature can work in partnership with our school districts to create an efficient education system that best serves our students.”

Legislative leadership created the special committee to develop a plan to improve student success, including a budget proposal that ensures every student in Oregon, regardless of where they go to school, will have the opportunity to achieve success.

The full schedule of public hearings includes:

**March 22, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Henry D. Sheldon High School  
2455 Willakenzie Rd, Eugene

**April 24, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Baker High School  
2500 E St, Baker City

**April 25, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Hermiston High School  
600 South First Street, Hermiston

**May 9, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Clackamas High School  
14486 SE 122nd Ave, Clackamas

**May 24, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Woodburn High School  
1785 N Front St, Woodburn

**June 5, 7 p.m.**

Pawlowski Athletic Center  
Central High School  
815 S Oakdale Ave, Medford

**July 11, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Arts & Communication Magnet Academy  
11375 SW Center St, Beaverton, OR

**September 13, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Ridgeview High School  
4555 SW Elkhorn Ave, Redmond

**September 27, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
President James Madison High School  
2735 NE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97220

**October 10, 7 p.m.**

Auditorium  
Marshfield High School  
972 Ingersoll Ave, Coos Bay

