

Applicants of the Oregon Educators Benefit Board Outreach Network

The Communications Workgroup recommends the following applicants of Outreach Network to the Board. Included in the list are the applicant's names, district or education service district, and the reason they were selected.

Kathleen Adamson
Willamette ESD

Chair of the insurance committee at Willamette ESD helping to select benefit packages. Brought bills before the Oregon Legislature on school transportation and environmental protection. Supported insurance pool for many years and is excited about OEBB becoming a reality.

Jennifer Anderson
Pleasant Hill High School

Media coordinator and OSEA Chapter President. Wants to help inform chapter members. Believes in one-on-one contact to explain and deliver messages to others. Started positive behavior program at school, and is a self-described cheerleader.

Linda Bradetich
Bend La-Pine School District

Member of the school's insurance committee and believes that Outreach members will benefit the district and OEBB. Former chapter president of union and is the chief negotiator of the classified bargaining unit.

Carrie Compton
High Desert ESD

An advocate of pooled healthcare, she wants to be part of OEBB as it develops and offers benefits to school districts. A volunteer with other organizations, she wants to see OEBB succeed.

Kathleen Costley
Molalla River School District

Works in Human Resources and help employees with their benefits questions and concerns. Would like to remain on the front line to ease in the transition into OEBB. Wants it to go as smoothly as possible. It will be important to emphasis the positive. To focus on the good things that that will come from OEBB.

Pam Halbert
Culver School District

President of the Culver classified employees group and is on the insurance committee. She is the primary link to the classified employees for their insurance information and

plan choices. Is excited to be part of a bigger insurance pool and is very interested in “remaining in the loop” and is eager to share OEBC information as it becomes available. Admin Assistant of one-person office and is the first contact in the school. Wants to be a positive force in the communication efforts of OEBC and wants to help make this a smooth transition.

Sarah Hibbs

Corvallis School District

Benefits specialist. Thinks involvement in Network would be beneficial in providing accurate information to district staff. Currently assists staff with benefits, wants to learn about OEBC to ready for the change.

Sally Kissell

Multnomah ESD

On the insurance committee as a classified employee representative. Secretary of the classified employees union for 10 years and is the main contact for disseminating information to chapter members. Additionally, has a long tenure at MESD and is seen as a source of trust and respect.

Ellen Lowe

Newberg School District

Member of the human resources department at Newberg. The lead person communicating benefit options in the district and wants to make sure the information she passes along to employees is coming directly from OEBC. Has experience marketing school programs and conducting focus groups.

Victor Moore

Tillamook High School

A teacher, and volunteer for several organizations including the Boy Scouts and being a search and rescue volunteer, he wants to give back to his colleagues by being their OEBC point of contact and helping them alleviate any stress the change may cause by providing them with accurate, timely information. Has a planned internal communications plan in place that may serve as the model for other Outreach Network members.

Patrick Munyon

Eugene School District

Classified Benefits Coordinator for more than 10 years and is a self-proclaimed advocate of the statewide insurance pool for many years, and has a strong interest in helping OEBC be successful. Former president of local union chapter representing more than 800 classified employees. Understands the need of OEBC to present accurate information in a neutral format.

Kelly Schwartz
Multnomah ESD

Human Resources Director. Will be expected to be the resident OEGB expert to help employees make the best benefit plan decisions and lead staff in the administration of the plans. Has served on insurance and wellness committees. Believes it is critical to help people understand and overcome challenges. With access to staff and employees, feels there is a unique opportunity to promote OEGB.

Cheri Siddoway
Ontario School District

Fiscal Services Manager. Helped bring the Oregon Savings Growth Plan to Ontario School District. Meets district employees often and will be able to discuss OEGB plan options. The change to OEGB may create uncertainty and unease and believes it is critical that employees have a trusted source to provide information and listen to their concerns.

Carol Swank
Greater Albany Public School District

Employee Benefits Specialist. Experiences gained in the coverage changes in recent years will help promote OEGB plans. Wants to help fellow employees with transition to OEGB. Believes communication is the biggest key to getting people involved and enthused about a program because people want accurate information from a trusted source.

Alice Swanson
North Marion School District

Chapter president of union. Meeting with employees to find their concerns and expectations of OEGB. Spend time communicating OEGB messages and making sure people are getting the accurate messages of OEGB. Wants to be part of the change, and will face it with a "winning attitude," and will lead by example.

Netra Thoma
Estacada School District

Fifteen years of human resource and payroll experience dealing with benefit-related questions and insurance. Served on the district's insurance committee, securing bids, and comparing and explaining carrier products. Wants to help employees understand benefits and help them make choices that best fit their needs.

Julie Wenzl
Eugene School District

Licensed staff benefits coordinator. Since she will be explaining OEGB benefits to employees, she wants to begin learning out the program as soon as possible to help educate and promote. On the benefits committee for 10 years. Communicates with members regularly. Has interest and wants to help promote OEGB.