



NORTHWEST REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

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Anticipating the successful passage of Ballot Measure 98 last fall, NWRES D began working with the Superintendents that lead the 20 districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and Washington counties to develop Measure 98 plans. Between November 2016 and February 2017, with the help of two dozen education leaders, we led each of our districts through a robust College and Career Readiness Inventory review process.

These inventories offered a unique perspective into each district's high school(s) and provided Superintendents with an individualized assessment of the needs of their district. Additionally, the inventories illuminated clear regional opportunities in the following areas:

Career & College-Going Vision

While the majority of our high schools are doing great work through programs like AVID and College Possible, hosting "FAFSA nights," and coordinating college visits, a school-wide career & college-going vision is lacking.

Compelling High School Graduation Rates

Grad rates in the NWRES D region tend to be about 10% above the state average, but most districts still express a need for support in developing and implementing a 9th Grade On-Track program and Early Warning System to ensure students make it successfully to high school graduation.

Robust College-going / Dual Credit Efforts

Dual Credit opportunities are increasing across our region through programs like NW Promise and Willamette Promise, but college completion rates remain low; less than 55% for a four-year completer and less than 16% for 2-year, demonstrating a need for better Dual Credit/CTE alignment.

Rigorous Teaching & Learning

Students, teachers, and parents express a desire and need for more rigor and engagement throughout all classes, with a special emphasis on math alignment and professional development.

High Quality STEM & CTE

Educators throughout the region want to bring their programs into the 21st Century and create coherent pipelines and pathways to high-demand careers, but express barriers in teacher certification and outdated equipment.

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Intentional Attendance Policies & Practices

Low rates of regular attenders span schools across the northwest region, with 10% of students missing more than 10% of days each school year. School leaders want to understand root causes of low attender rates and develop and implement pro-active outreach strategies to engage students.

Equity

Student outcomes continue to be predictable by race and economic disadvantage in Oregon and our Washington County Superintendents are especially invested in closing gaps for these students in their schools and districts.

Measure 98 provides our region with an opportunity to address many of the needs we have identified through our College and Career Readiness Inventories. We are deeply committed to and are positioned to begin implementing Measure 98 in the fall of 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob S. Saxton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Rob S. Saxton
Superintendent