

# OFFICIAL BENTON COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET



**SPECIAL ELECTION  
MAY 21, 2013**

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The candidate and measure information within was provided by candidates, special districts, and other interested parties that chose to participate in this portion of the election process.



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**Dear Benton County Voter:**

On May 21, a Special District Election will be held throughout Benton County. If you are a registered voter you will have an opportunity to exercise your right to vote on local district board positions and measures.

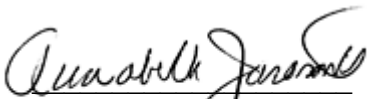
The Board of Commissioners has directed the County Clerk to publish this **Benton County Voters' Pamphlet** as a way of providing voters with useful information concerning their choices for these elections. To bring this information to the voters in the most efficient way, the pamphlet will be available on our website at [www.co.benton.or.us/elections](http://www.co.benton.or.us/elections); at the Benton County Elections Office; and delivered by mail.

Please remember that **all ballots must be received at an official ballot drop site in Oregon before 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.** You can mail your ballot, or drop it at one of the official ballot dropbox locations listed on the website and in this pamphlet.

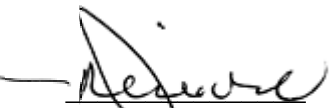
If you have questions or concerns, the Benton County Elections office is located in the historic Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th Street, Corvallis, Oregon. You will also find information on marking your ballot and obtaining a replacement ballot in this pamphlet.

We hope this information will help you become better informed about the candidates and issues in this election.

Sincerely,

  
Annabelle Jaramillo  
Chair

  
Linda Modrell  
Commissioner

  
Jay Dixon  
Commissioner

**Please remember to VOTE**

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If you have other questions about voter registration, your ballot, voting or need a replacement ballot please contact the  
**Benton County Elections Office**  
 Phone: 541-766-6756  
 Fax: 541-766-6757  
 Website: [www.co.benton.or.us/elections](http://www.co.benton.or.us/elections)  
 Email: [bcelections@co.benton.or.us](mailto:bcelections@co.benton.or.us)

To update voter registration or become a voter you may go online to: [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov)

### Voters with Disabilities

If you need help voting because of a disability, contact the Benton County Elections Office. Deputized elections staff is available to assist you in casting a ballot; or ask about alternate voting formats.

## BENTON COUNTY OFFICIAL DROPSITES

### 24-HOUR OUTSIDE DROP BOXES

#### **Benton County Courthouse**

Courthouse lawn on 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
 120 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St, Corvallis OR 97330

#### **Benton County Courthouse**

Handicapped entrance on 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
 120 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St, Corvallis OR 97330

#### **Benton County Courthouse**

Across the street on 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
 180 NW 5<sup>th</sup> St, Corvallis OR 97330

#### **Wells Fargo Bank**

Timberhill Shopping Center  
 2543 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis OR 97330

#### **Benton County Sunset Building**

Drop box in parking lot  
 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis OR 97330

#### **Lincoln Health Center**

Drop box in parking lot  
 121 SE Viewmont Ave, Corvallis OR 97330

#### **Ray's Food Place**

North Albany Shopping Center  
 621 Hickory Ave NW Albany, OR 97321

### OTHER BALLOT DROPSITES

#### **Benton County Elections Office**

Basement of County Courthouse  
 120 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St Rm 13, Corvallis OR 97330  
 Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 Election Day until 8:00 pm

#### **City Limits Market**

5800 NW Hwy 99W, Corvallis OR 97330  
 Mon thru Thu 6:30 am to 8:30 pm  
 Fri 6:30 am to 9:00 pm  
 Sat 8:00 am to 9:00 pm  
 Sun 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

#### **John Boy's Alsea Mercantile Store**

186 E Main St, Alsea OR 97324  
 Mon thru Sat 6:00 am to 8:00 pm  
 Sun 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

#### **Monroe City Hall**

664 Commercial St, Monroe OR 97456  
 Mon thru Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 Election Day until 8:00 pm

#### **Philomath Public Library**

1050 Applegate St, Philomath OR 97370  
 Mon and Tue 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
 Wed thru Sat 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

### OTHER BALLOT DROPSITES

#### **Corvallis Public Library**

645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis OR 97330  
 Mon thru Thu 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
 Fri and Sat 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

#### **OSU Valley Library**

121 The Valley Library, Corvallis OR 97331  
 Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 10:00 pm  
 Sat and Sun 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### **Lbcc Benton Center**

757 NW Polk Ave, Corvallis OR 97330  
 When college is in session  
 Mon thru Thu 8:00 am to 8:00 pm  
 Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 When college is not in session  
 Mon thru Thu 9:00 am to 7:00 pm  
 Election Day until 8:00 pm

#### **Senior Citizens Center of Corvallis**

2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis OR 97330  
 Mon thru Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Election Day until 8:00 pm

## SUBMISSIONS OF CANDIDATE AND MEASURE STATEMENTS IN THIS VOTERS' PAMPHLET ARE VOLUNTARY AND REQUIRE PAYMENT AT THE TIME OF FILING.

For a complete listing of all candidates and offices pertaining to this election, please go to the Benton County webpage at:

[www.co.benton.or.us/elections](http://www.co.benton.or.us/elections)

## LINN-BENTON-LINCOLN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT



**MYLREA  
ESTELL**  
Zone 2

**Occupation:**

- Letter carrier for the USPS for the past 19 years
- Incumbent board member, Monroe School District
- Incumbent board member, Linn Benton Lincoln ESD

**Occupational Background:**

- Retail management, with a focus on inventory analysis and bookkeeping

**Educational Background:**

- University of Oregon studied in Math and English
- Chemeketa Community College

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

- Director, Monroe School Board for 10 years, including one year as Board Chair. During my tenure on the Monroe School Board, we have been recognized as one of the most outstanding school districts in Oregon.
- Director, Linn Benton Lincoln ESD for over 7 years, including one year as Board Chair.
- In 2010, the Oregon School Board Association awarded me its Leadership Institute Platinum Service award, the highest level award offered for training and service to school boards in Oregon.

**Personal:**

I am a widowed mother of two teenagers and owner of a small farm in the Monroe area. I believe that public service is a obligation for each of us, and I would be pleased to continue my service to the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District (ESD).

I believe that Education Service Districts are a vital part of the educational system in Oregon. Small, rural school districts are especially dependent on services such as special education and evaluation, hearing and speech therapy, computer network support and data warehousing, and more.

The Linn Benton Lincoln ESD Board of Directors provides citizen oversight, and works closely with the agency Superintendent to govern our ESD. Because of our work, Linn Benton Lincoln ESD is the most effective and fiscally responsible ESD in Oregon and is considered a model organization for ESD reform in the state. I strongly encourage you to support the incumbent Board of Linn Benton Lincoln ESD.

*This information furnished by Mylrea Estell.*



**FRANK  
BRICKER**  
Zone 3

**Occupation:**

Self employed Farmer starting in 1981

**Occupational Background:**

Farming 1972-1981

**Educational Background:**

Graduated from Burbank High School 1968  
Graduated Eastern Oregon College with a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology and Sociology 1972

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Albany School District zone committee  
Linn Benton Lincoln ESD Budget committee  
Albany School District budget committee 1991-1994  
Currently serving on the Albany School District Board of Directors since 1994  
Currently serving on the Board of the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD  
Benton County Farm Board of Review

Over the nineteen years serving on the Albany school board I have come to know the value of the services provided by the Education Service District to both the larger districts like Albany and Corvallis and to the smaller rural districts that make up the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District. As a member of a school board I have an opportunity to see the quality of the services provided by the ESD both the high quality programs and the areas where that need improving serving on both Albany and ESD boards I can work with both administrations to improve and maintain high quality cost effective programs that directly and indirectly serve the students and families in the area.

*This information furnished by Frank Bricker.*

## LINN-BENTON-LINCOLN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT



**DAVID  
DOWRIE**  
Zone 4

**Occupation:** Retired, Information Technology Director

**Occupational Background:** Information Technology Director, Lane Education Service District; Information Technology Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation; Systems Technology Manager, Oregon Department of Higher Education

**Educational Background:** B.A., Shimer College

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Chair, Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District  
Chair, Benton County Budget Committee  
Vice Chair, Benton County Planning Commission  
Policy Committee, Oregon School Board Association  
President, Oregon Association of Education Service Districts  
Chair, Oregon Public Education Network  
Board Member, Oregon School Board Association  
K-12 Education Representative, Governors Education Advisory Committee on Ballot Measure 47

**Family:** Resident of Benton County for 43 years, raised 5 children who all attended Corvallis schools

**RE-ELECT DAVID DOWRIE**

The Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District provides programs and services to more than 31,000 students in 12 school districts across Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. I have had the privilege to serve on the ESD Board and work at making the ESD a model of efficiency and effectiveness in serving school districts across the three county region. The ESD is widely recognized across the state as being the model of a regional education agency serving students and school districts. I want to continue this important work.

**RE-ELECT DAVID DOWRIE**

Supported by:  
Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo  
Linda Modrell, County Commissioner  
Benton County Commissioner Jay Dixon  
Anne Schuster, Corvallis School Board

**RE-ELECT DAVID DOWRIE**

*This information furnished by David Dowrie.*



**ANDREW  
DECKER**  
Zone 4

**Occupation:** Vice Chair Benton County Board of Property Tax Appeals, Volunteer Staff at South Corvallis Food Bank

**Occupational Background:** Sales Office Clerk, ATI PCT; State Licensed Tax Preparer, Liberty Tax; Paralegal, Oregon Tax Court- Magistrate Division; Court Clerk, Linn County Justice Court; Legal Assistant, The Law Firm of Goldberg & Osborne

**Educational Background:** Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, Northwest Christian University; Associate's Degree in Legal Administration, LBCC; Specialist Certificate in Office Technology, LBCC; Pursuing MBA.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Vice Chair, Benton County Board of Property Tax Appeals; Member, 2012 Rules Advisory Committee of the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners.

**Community:** Andrew takes pride in our community by dedicating his time and energy to assisting families in need. His dedication to improving opportunities for low income families resonates throughout his local involvement and future aspirations.

**Family:** Andrew is the father of two extremely energetic young children. This year his oldest will begin attending a public school within our Education Service District. Andrew is the kind of parent who cares about the details. He is devoted to ensuring that all of our children will have access to the best education.

**PROTECTING OUR FUTURE**

Current attempts at the state level to restructure the Education Service Districts threaten our abilities to offer resources and support within our school districts. This includes **special education services** and support for **parents of home schooled children**. Andrew will take a stand to protect our local ESD from state interference that may threaten the support we have come to rely on.

**PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Andrew will work to:

- Protect and improve special education services and early intervention;
- Improve school options by ensuring parents of home schooled children have access to any additional resources they may need to succeed;
- Utilize our current networks in collaboration with local school boards to offer interactive online streaming of school board meetings to keep our parents connected.

**ELECT A PARENT  
VOTE FOR DECKER**

*This information furnished by Andrew Decker.*

## LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LYN  
RIVERSTONE  
Zone 6-7(A)

**Occupation:** Community college and university mathematics instructor; Independent writing and editing professional.

**Occupational Background:** Mathematics Instructor (18 years): Oregon State University (current position), Linn-Benton Community College, and Western Oregon University; Published author, co-author, editor and contributor for college math textbooks (6 years): John Wiley and Sons Publishing, Wiley Higher Education, Hoboken, NJ; Working owner (2 years): First Alternative Food Co-op.

**Educational Background:** Master of Science in Mathematics with minor in Math Education, Oregon State University, 1996; Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, California State University, Sacramento, 1993;

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Can you recall that one teacher who changed everything for you? Mine was Ms. McCarthy, my first college math instructor. Without her encouragement and support, I might've never discovered my passion for mathematics, and love of learning and teaching. I've personally experienced how higher education paves the way to opportunity. It's one of the greatest joys of my life's work to help students achieve their own personal educational goals. As a member of the Linn-Benton Board of Directors, my purpose would be to help ensure students get the best possible educational value for the money you, the taxpayers and students, are paying.

**Priorities:**

- Keep your tuition costs low.
- Maintain high level of academic support and engaged learning.
- Retain more tenure-track faculty positions.
- Improve working conditions for non-tenure-track faculty.
- Address your needs for career and technical training, effective college track readiness and transfer, and community education.

You've seen tuition increases in recent years. Increases mean fewer students choosing the college path, or taking on more debt. Rather than more tuition increases, as proposed by the administration, the Board must find creative and innovative ways to balance spending and funding. For instance, classes that do not help students earn a degree or certificate should be self-funded by fees, rather than taxpayer funded.

Learn more at a telephone town hall on May 11, 2013.

<http://www.lynrivestone.com/>

Endorsed by Keith Frome, LBCC Board Member

*This information furnished by Lyn Riverstone.*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Benton County.



RON  
THIESEN  
Zone 6-7(A)

**Occupation:** I am currently the Development Director at Community Outreach Inc. in Corvallis in my second year of employment.

**Occupational Background:** Previously I was Development Director for Benton County Historical Association. For twenty plus years I was the owner of Campus Connection and Anything Printable in Corvallis. My first career was teaching at the middle and high school grade levels.

**Educational Background:** I have a BS Degree in Education from Western Oregon University and a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling, also from WOU.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Benton County Jail Task Force, Vina Moses Board, Greater Corvallis Rotary Director, Strengthening Rural Families Committee, DCA Past President, Corvallis Chamber, WOU Foundation Board, BARDS founder member, Past Sigma Alpha Epsilon National Officer.

"Linn - Benton Community College provides critical opportunities for educating and training our residents and contributing to the economic vitality of our region. I want to help ensure this future by being a member of the LBCC Board of Education."

As a member of the LBCC Board of Education I would continue the dialog with the residents of Benton County about the many possibilities that will improve the delivery of education to Benton County residents. With 40% of the LBCC student population coming from Benton County, we must be sure to have a voice in the future planning for the college. The issues surrounding the Benton Center must be considered. Curriculum, classroom usage and parking need to be part of that discussion. Outreach to the rural area of our county also needs to be addressed. Making education available to all areas of our county must be a priority. As a board member I will work diligently to make student success a board goal. LBCC is a "crown jewel" and its future can, and must be bright.

*This information furnished by Ron Thiesen.*

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## CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 509J



**CRAIG  
ALLEN**  
Position 1

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Occupational Background:** I have over twenty years of experience working in the pulp and paper industry. As a paper mill General Manager my responsibilities included creating and managing operating budgets in excess of \$35,000,000. I have been a project manager for multiple construction projects exceeding \$20,000,000. I have worked successfully with union employees throughout my career.

**Educational Background:** B.S. Chemical Engineering, Oregon State University.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None.

My experience with the Corvallis schools comes through my two children. They have attended Wilson, Cheldelin and Crescent Valley.

I believe that the opportunity to receive a quality education is essential for every child, from the most affluent to the most disadvantaged. As parents, we place our children on the bus in the morning and send them to school with the expectation that they will graduate from High School one day. Based on the past four years of declining performance data, approximately 1 in 3 of the students you see on a school bus will not graduate from high school after four years.

I believe one of the best indicators of success for our school district is the graduation rate. Last year the four year cohort graduation rate for the Corvallis school district fell to 67.5%. In the 2011-2012 school year, the graduation rate declined 2.7% from the previous year. This was the largest decline in 5 years.

The Corvallis school district reported total revenue exceeding \$69,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. I believe that the Corvallis school district has the community support and funding necessary to fulfill their obligation to provide an educational experience that allows every student to graduate and be prepared for life beyond high school.

The education our schools provide is the foundation for our children's future. As a School Board member, I will work to make a quality education ending with a diploma reality for every student in the Corvallis school district.

*This information furnished by Craig Allen.*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Benton County.



**BILL  
KEMPER**  
Position 1

**Occupation:** Retired; Citizen member-Corvallis School District Budget Committee; Community Volunteer [Corvallis High School and OSU Academy for Lifelong Learning]

**Occupational Background:** Hewlett-Packard Company [1974-2002] 28 years in software development, product management and product support; Business Development Consultant [unpaid] Perpetua Power Source Technologies [2010-2012]

**Educational Background:** M.S., Computer Science, University of Colorado; B.S., Physics, Denison University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Education is the greatest gift that we can give our children. An educated populace is better able to find meaningful employment, to sort fact from fiction, and to adapt to life changes.

As a volunteer for 11 years in Beyond CHS, I have helped students find a path for their future, be it college, trade school, serving in the military, or going on a student exchange experience.

Our three children attended K-12 in Corvallis and are teachers in different academic areas. They were active in the arts and athletics. Education was a strong family value with parents and grandparents valuing it and recognizing the importance of education.

In my HP career, I managed projects, employees, and vendors. I understand the value of technological advances and that the adoption of this technology requires the recognition of both past and current methodologies. Technology purchases need to be made that add to the learning process, and not just replace an older technology with a faster version.

I played a significant role in the implementation of the Corvallis School District Community Performing Arts Center plan. I served on the Majestic Theatre Management board for five years and was integrally involved in the fundraising for the \$500,000 remodeling project in the 1990s.

As a board member, I will make the hard decisions that are needed in times of limited funding and rapidly changing societal needs to enable all children to reach for their strongest academic background and find their calling.

*This information furnished by Bill Kemper.*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Benton County.

## CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 509J



**NICOLAS  
ORTIZ**  
Position 4

**Occupation:** Lawyer

**Occupational Background:** Partner, Jennifer I. Nash & Nicolas Ortiz, P.C.; Southern Oregon Public Defenders.

**Educational Background:** Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, J.D. 1998; California State University Sacramento, B.A. 1995.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Benton County Legal Defense Corporation, Willamette Criminal Justice Commission, Benton County Juvenile Drug Court, Lincoln Elementary School Site Council.

My children attend Lincoln Elementary's Dual Immersion Program. I have volunteered as a mock trial attorney coach for the Classroom Law Project for the last seven years in a high school classroom setting. I have coached Little League Baseball and Softball for the last 3 years. And I also represent youth who are in foster care and youth in the juvenile justice system.

I believe it is important to have student centered policies for our district. And with fewer resources available, there is an ongoing need to be creative to ensure the district continues to deliver a quality education to all students, while supporting the dedicated teachers, staff and volunteers. I am committed to helping the board balance the financial issues facing the District with the need to stay focused on providing our children with a healthy, nurturing learning environment, to achieve a high quality education for all. With the assistance and input from community members and community partners, our schools can thrive even under these resource stressed circumstances.

*This information furnished by Nicolas Ortiz.*



**VINCENT  
ADAMS**  
Position 4

**Occupation:** Database Manager and Educator, Extension Family and Community Health, Oregon State University.

**Occupational Background:** Public Policy Research Assistant, Business Manager, Emergency Medical Services, Sonar Technician (U.S. Navy).

**Educational Background:** Master of Public Policy, Oregon State University (Rural and Environmental Policy); Honors BS Environmental Science, Oregon State University.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Technical Advisory Committee, Oregon Department of Transportation; Parks Advisory Committee, Reedsport; Planning Commission intern, Reedsport.

**Children First!**

Vince Adams knows every decision the School Board faces must be balanced with the needs of our children. His two daughters will begin school in Corvallis soon and we can count on Vince to have our children as his first priority on every issue. ***Vince will always hear the voice of parents and put our children first!***

**21st Century Workforce**

Through the Venture Accelerator program, a City of Corvallis and OSU partnership, as well as other economic initiatives, new business start-ups are expected to increase threefold in the next decade. Vince knows these jobs will require a tech-savvy local workforce that can learn quickly and think critically. ***Building the future of Corvallis begins with education!***

**Healthy Kids, Healthy Community**

In recent years schools have had to address more social problems in the classroom. Vince wants the District to partner with local services to address issues early so our children can stay on a path to success. He is ready to throw his shoulder behind the District's efforts to ***keep children healthy and safe.***

**Empowering Parents and Teachers**

Vince believes decisions should be based on solid information and core values. He feels strongly that teachers and parents should have ready access to information to help guide educational choices. ***Vince will be a champion for fact-based decision making.***

*The **common sense** we need*

*The **vision** we want*

*... to support the education of tomorrow's leaders.*

**Vote for Vince Adams, Corvallis School Board #4**

[voteforvince.weebly.com](http://voteforvince.weebly.com)

Endorsed By: Anne Schuster, Corvallis School Board Member

*This information furnished by Committee to Elect Vincent Adams.*



## CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 509J



**AL HUTCHINSON**  
Position 4

**Occupation:** Commercial Property Owner & Automobile Dealer

**Occupation Background:** Madelyne Avenue Town Houses - Owner; Al Hutchinson Auto Center - Pres/GM - 1993 to 2013 - Corvallis; Al Hutchinson Volkswagen-Mazda - Pres/GM - 1977 to 1992 - Corvallis; Al Hutchinson Chrysler - Plymouth-Dodge - Pres/GM - 1977 to 1981 - Corvallis; Wheels Life Insurance Co. - President and Co-founder - Corvallis; New Car Dealers Assoc. - President - 1977 to 1992; United States Army - Instructor - 1969 to 1971

**Educational Background:**

Oregon State University, B.S, Business Admin.; United States Army & Instructor Training Academy, Diploma, Certified Army Instructor - DSS Honor Graduate; Corvallis High School, Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Corvallis 509J School District - Curriculum Advisory Committee (1980 to 1991)  
Benton County Mental Health Citizens Advisory Board (1979 to 1991)  
Ridgewater Water District Board of Directors (1998 to 2004) & (2006 to 2012)  
United States Army - Instructor (1969 to 1971)  
State of Oregon - Agent for the Department of Motor Vehicles (1977 to 2013)

Al Hutchinson cares about the Youth of Corvallis  
Life long resident. K to 12 in Corvallis. OSU - BS Degree in Business Admin - US Army Veteran & Instructor  
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Corvallis 509J - Curriculum Advisory Committee 1980 to 1991  
Benton County Mental Advisory Board - 1979 to 1991  
The Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis - 1980 to 2013  
Past President - I created a Car Raffle with the Proceeds to the local DARE program. Six raffles in six years  
I created the Sports Book Program for CHS and CVHS - Raised over \$65,000 for the Sports Program  
United Way of Benton County - Board Member  
Corvallis Area Chamber of Commerce - Board  
Habitat for Humanity - Board  
ARC of Benton County - Board  
OSU Roundtable - 1977 to 2013 - 35 years  
Board Chair since 1996  
CASA - Voices for Children - 1998 to 2007 - Board Chair 3 years  
Trillium Family Services - 2007 to 2011 - Board

*This information furnished by Al Hutchinson.*



**TOM SAURET**  
Position 5

**Occupation:** Vice Chair, Corvallis 509J School Board

**Occupational Background:** Retired from federal civil service: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1990-2005: Manager, NASA Headquarters Sponsored Research Business Activity; Branch Chief, NASA HQ Office of Procurement; Deputy Manager and Senior Procurement Official, NASA Management Office, Jet Propulsion Laboratory; Executive Officer to the NASA Administrator. United States Air Force, 1975-1990: construction contract administrator, warranted contracting officer; senior technical consultant for contract management, Air Force Audit Agency.

**Educational Background:** Masters in Public Administration, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government; Masters in Business Administration and B.A. Economics and Political Science, San Jose State University.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board of Directors, Corvallis School District, 2011 to Present; Citizen member, Corvallis School District Budget Committee, 2009-2011; Special Education Advisory Committee, 2006-2011; federal civil service: U.S. Air Force 1975-1990, NASA 1990-2005.

Education is critical to every child's development. Our schools must provide the programs and opportunities students need to be successful in an increasingly complex, competitive world. We are fortunate to have a highly educated, motivated and innovative teacher community supported by an excellent administrative and management staff. Excellent community support helps provide a solid foundation for success.

Despite that strong foundation, we have significant challenges that must be overcome. Declining enrollment and severely constrained budgets challenge our ability to make needed improvements and strengthen our graduation rates. There are significant numbers of students that are not yet successfully educated.

We need to build our school system into one that helps ensure *all* of our children are achieving at levels that will not only help them graduate, but also be prepared to be productive citizens. I have also advocated for a sustainable budget, improved long range financial and facilities planning, continued teacher collaboration time, better professional development, and increased innovation. With two children in Corvallis schools, I have a strong personal reason to ensure our schools meet that challenge in a safe, innovative, inclusive environment.

*This information furnished by Tom Sauret.*

GREATER ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 8J



**KAREN  
ROBERTS**  
At-Large 2

**Occupation:**

Retail Store Owner - Paid

**Occupational Background:**

Background in retail and business having founded "The Quilt Loft" retail fabric store 16 years ago in downtown Albany.

**Educational Background:**

Graduated from West Albany High School in 1977

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

None

**Optional Information:**

Board member of the First Christian Pre-School for 12 years, past parent teacher president for Takena Elementary school in Albany. I am very passionate when it comes to the education of our children and look forward to the opportunity to serve you on the Greater Albany Public School board.

*This information furnished by Karen Roberts.*



**MICAH  
SMITH**  
At-Large 2

**Occupation:**

Detective, Cybercrimes & Computer Forensics; Linn County Sheriff's Office

**Occupational Background:**

Faculty Instructor, National District Attorney's Association  
Patrol Deputy, Linn County Sheriff's Office  
Seasonal Marine Patrol Deputy, Linn County Sheriff's Office

**Educational Background:**

B.A. (Cum Laude) Community Crime Prevention/Spanish minor, Western Oregon University (2003) Graduate, West Albany High School (1999)

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Board Member, Greater Albany Public School District (2012-Current)  
Financial Crimes & Digital Evidence Foundation, Executive Board (2009-Present)  
FBI Cybercrime/Counterterrorism Working Group Member, Eugene Office (2007-Present)  
Superintendent Selection Screening Committee, GAPS (2007)

As a graduate of Albany schools, and a current member of the School Board, I am deeply rooted in my positive experiences with the school district over the last 22 years. I have a strong desire to continue to give back to the district that has given so much to me. I am encouraged by the accomplishments of our district, and am excited for amazing educational opportunities on the horizon for the community of Albany.

I am not only a product of Albany schools, and a former student employee, but also the son of a retired district teacher/administrator, the husband of a teacher, and father to a child who will attend district schools. Professionally, I serve alongside educators throughout the Linn-Benton Counties to ensure the safety and security of all children, and I take great pride in being a valuable partner to school districts, including Albany. These roots and connections allow me a unique opportunity to see matters in front of the School Board from a 360-degree view, that is, realizing issues can be of critical importance and must be reviewed through the lens of all effected parties, while keeping student safety and academic achievement high priorities.

With your vote, I will continue representing you as a member of the GAPS School Board with enthusiasm and dedication to work hard, without bias or favoritism, while focusing on student achievement for all served by the Greater Albany Public School District.

*This information furnished by Micah Smith.*

## PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J



**JIM  
KILDEA**  
Position 1

**Occupation:** Strategic Development Manager, Hewlett Packard

**Occupational Background:** Supply Chain management and leadership positions (Hewlett Packard, 1997-present); Procurement and packaging leadership positions (Dow Chemical, 1980-1996)

**Educational Background:** Rochester Institute of Technology (BS Packaging Science), Horseheads High School (Horseheads NY, high honors degree)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Philomath School District (PSD) board trustee (elected, volunteer); PSD Bond Oversight Committee (appointed, volunteer); PSD Long Range Facilities Planning Committee (appointed, volunteer); PSD Budget Committee (appointed, volunteer).

I'd like to thank the voters of the Philomath School District for their support, both to me as a candidate as well as to the Philomath schools. Our schools (and our students in particular) have benefited from the construction bond that the voters approved in May 2010, which allowed the school district to renovate, repair and upgrade Philomath's aging school buildings with no increase to the bond tax rate.

Philomath schools enjoy many programs that are unusual for a district of its size. An outstanding program for music and the arts, strong athletic teams in a variety of sports, a robotics program, a community pool, a charter school that offers an alternate educational setting, Advanced Placement courses, online learning and credit recovery options, and strong programs in specialized areas like Forestry and Applied Technology (CAD, drafting, welding, etc), to name just a few.

Budget challenges with our schools have reached a critical state. Even after making significant cuts in the operating budget in recent years, Philomath schools project a budget shortfall for the next several years. There will need to be continued scrutiny on controlling or reducing expenses, while offering a quality education for all students of the Philomath school district.

My focus will continue to be on maintaining an appropriate balance of resources, programs and priorities in order to meet the needs of students in (and residents of) the Philomath, Blodgett and Kings Valley communities.

*This information furnished by Jim Kildea.*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Benton County.



**RON  
VANORDEN**  
Position 1

**Occupation:** Operations Manager, Mega Tech of Oregon

**Occupational Background:** Operations Management for Manufacturing and Service organizations with annual revenues of 100K to 30M.

**Educational Background:** Oregon Institute of Technology, ASEET - Junction City Schools, Diploma, Honor Roll

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Philomath SD 17J Budget Committee, appointed 2011 - present. Technology Committee, appointed, 2013 - present

**Philosophy:** No one is greater or lesser, although everyone has greater and lesser capabilities, that when applied properly, will make their lives and community more robust. We need each other, so we should be kind, helpful and respectful of each other. We should be continually responsible and accountable to each other and, as necessary, hold others responsible and accountable. We are all stakeholders in our community.

**Statement:** Education is a cornerstone of a strong and stable society, and the coming years in particular are going to present incredible challenges to maintaining the quality of our public schools. Federal and state funding are expected to further contract and our district enrollment continues to decline. Having two children who attend Philomath schools, my wife and I have a vested interest in how the Board guides the district through the tough times ahead.

Our community has a reputation for strong support of our schools and I would be honored to add my leadership talents to our Board. As a regular fixture at Board meetings, I have a clear understanding of the commitment required and am ready to serve. I offer the ability to remain uncannily objective and unbiased in even strained situations, the ability to act as a catalyst to help work groups perform better than the sum of their members, a notorious stamina to get the job done and a relentless pursuit of the mission.

Let me be part of the team to bring the strengths of our education professionals and our community together so that we can produce a strategy that will sustain our schools and our families well into the future.

*This information furnished by Ron VanOrden.*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Benton County.

## PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J



**MARY  
TORGERSON**  
Position 3

**Occupation:** Homemaker

**Occupational Background:** Homemaker, Laser business manager, Nurses Aid, Activity Coordinator, Meals on Wheels driver for 4 years, Director for Dolphin Swim Team, in charge of PHS Swim Team fundraiser for 4 years, in charge of Scholastic Book Fairs for 4 years, in charge of Safety Town for 4 years

**Educational Background:**

AS in Early Childhood Education (Minnesota State University);  
Nursing classes (Linn-Benton Community College);  
Trinity High School;  
St. Patrick's Grade School.

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Budget Committee Philomath School District 2011-current appointed volunteer  
Communications Committee Philomath School District 2012-current appointed volunteer  
Parent Representative on a hiring committee for a teacher 1997 appointed  
Parent Representative for Site Council 1997-1998- elected

**Personal Statement:**

I have lived in Philomath for 25 years and have raised three daughters, each of whom has attended Philomath Public Schools. During 15 of these years, I have volunteered to serve my community and the school District. As a result, I feel confident in our public education program in Philomath and believe we are blessed with very caring, dedicated, professional teachers, staff and administrators. I believe communities need a working partnership between families and the schools and this partnership should be based on honesty, respectful and straightforward, public discourse. I believe staff members, administrators and school board members should work seamlessly together to create the best possible educational environment for all students. As school board member, I would work toward these goals.

*This information furnished by Mary Torgerson.*



**TOM  
KLIPFEL**  
Position 3

**Occupation:** Supply Chain Manager, Inkjet High-speed Production Systems, Hewlett-Packard Company (HP)

**Occupational Background:**

- Supply Chain Manager, HP, Feb. 2011-Present
- Program Manager, HP, Feb. 2010-Jan. 2011
- IT Manager, HP, March 2009-Jan. 2010
- Director of Operations, Videx, Inc., Nov. 2008-Feb 2009
- Planning Development Director/Manager, HP, 2004-2008
- Supply Chain Development Manager, HP, May '98-Jan'04
- E-Commerce Channel Development Manager, HP, '96-'98
- Manufacturing Planner, HP July 1993-Feb. 1996

**Educational Background:**

- Purdue University - M.S. Management
- University of California, Davis - B.S. Aeronautical Engineering and B.S. Mechanical Engineering
- Notre Dame High School - Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

- Philomath School District:
  - School Board Director: '07-Present; Vice Chair: '11-'12
  - Budget Committee Member: April 2008-Present
  - Bond Oversight Committee Member and Secretary: August 2010-Present
  - Long-range Facilities Planning Committee Member: 2007
  - Philomath Middle School Site Council Member: '06-Present
- City of Philomath Budget Committee Member: 1998-2009; Chair: 2003-2008

**Community Volunteer Work:**

- Den Leader, Cub Scout Pack 161: 2002-2007
- Committee Chair, Cub Scout Pack 161: 2004-2007
- Assistant Scoutmaster & Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 161: 2007-Present
- PES End-of-year Slide Show Coordinator: 2003-2010
- Classroom Volunteer, CPS/PES: 1999-2010
- HP-PSD Technology Giving Team: 2006-Present
- Catechism Teacher, St. Mary's Catholic Church: 2001-12
- St. Mary's Philomath Station Lector: 1996-2012; Coordinator: 2006-2012
- Philomath School District Volunteer of the Year, 2005-06
- Samaritan Award, Philomath Chamber of Commerce, 2007 & 2012

**School Board Accomplishments:**

- Returned funding to vocational programs and TAG.
- Co-led campaign for \$29.5M School Construction Bond.
- Served on Bond Oversight Committee to deliver the bond projects on-time, in budget, and to the promised scope.
- Drove efforts to address issues of poor performing staff.
- Led renegotiations with teachers and administrators to reduce 30-year-old supplemental retirement cost by 50% for current employees.

*This information furnished by Tom Klipfel.*

PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J



**DON  
CRUISE**  
Position 4

**Occupation:**  
Retired teacher

**Occupational Background:**  
Elementary School teacher (1973-2004) Philomath  
Substitute teacher Albany, Alosea, Philomath (2004-2011)

**Educational Background:**  
Graduate Lebanon High School  
BS, OSU  
Masters Elementary Education, OSU

**Prior Governmental Experience:**  
Oregon Education Association Board of Directors  
Philomath School Board

As an educator I am extremely passionate about education and what it can accomplish for the well being of our children's future. Therefore, educating young people and helping them reach their full potential as responsible well educated adults has been my life long passion. Because of my belief in the power of a quality education, I am desiring to serve our community for another term on the Philomath School Board.

I am proud to be a part of our district as it strives for excellence in all aspects of educating the students in our community. We are working hard to establish a powerful coalition of community members to empower our schools in their effort to educate all the children in their care. The formation of committees to improve communication, to improve our technology, and to strengthen the evaluation of our teachers and administrators have all been recent steps towards our goal of academic excellence. We must continue to look at our school calendar to evaluate how we are using the time we have at our disposal to educate the students in our care. This past year giving regular consistent time for our teachers to meet and develop the plans needed to achieve success for every child became a powerful step in the direction to accomplish the task of improving the quality of our educational programs.

I want to serve in the effort to plan and implement the path we must take to unfold every child's full potential. Finding stable and adequate funding for our schools is paramount to continuing quality programs. Please join me in the endeavors that lie ahead to give every child the opportunity for their potential to become a reality.

*This information furnished by Don Cruise.*

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**HOSANNA  
BRODERICK**  
Position 4

**Occupation:**  
Conflict Resolution Coach and Student Advocate; People Sustaining Kings Valley.

**Occupational Background:**  
Substitute Teacher, Bus Driver; Kings Valley Charter School. Compliance Officer, Lumos Wine Company. Self-employed artist and crafter.

**Educational Background:**  
University of California, Davis (one year).  
Sonoma Valley High School.

**Prior Governmental Experience:**  
None.

My experience as a conflict resolution coach has provided me with the perfect background for listening to diverse viewpoints and forging creative solutions.

As a school board member, I will listen to everyone involved in the education process: students, parents, educators, and community members.

I will represent all constituents fairly and creatively. I will also make sure that I listen and advocate for those who are often under-represented. I will make sure that all students in the Philomath School District, including those who attend town schools, rural schools and home-schools, have equal representation.

I will work to provide more money for education from all levels of government. I believe school board members need to take an active role in standing up to the Legislature to demand that our schools are adequately funded.

I will work to prepare our schools and our children for the challenges of the future. I will insist that we be flexible to meet these challenges.

I look forward to representing you.

Please vote for me, Hosanna Broderick, for Position 4.

*This information furnished by Hosanna Broderick.*

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PHILOMATH FIRE AND RESCUE



**TOM RIES**  
Position 1

**Occupation:**  
Retired

**Occupational Background:**  
Philomath School District: Director of Facilities, 5 years.  
Oregon State University: Trades/Maintenance Coordinator, 25 years.  
City of Corvallis: Park Maintenance Worker, 1 year.

**Educational Background:**  
Vista High School, 12 years, Diploma  
Palomar Junior College, A.A. Degree  
Oregon State University, B.S. Degree

**Prior Governmental Experience:**  
2000 to present: Board of Directors, Philomath Fire & Rescue

I have been a member of the Philomath Fire and Rescue Board of Directors for the past 12 years and would be honored to serve another term. I would appreciate your support and your vote in May.

I believe that the role of the Board of Directors is to oversee and direct the vision and mission of the Fire District. The Board selects the Fire Chief to manage the Fire District's 24 hours emergency readiness in all areas, to ensure prompt emergency response and public education while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

I believe the Board of Directors has no role in the daily operation and management of the Fire District, but acts as a representative of the citizens of the District and must adhere to the highest ethical standards in the conduct of District business.

*This information furnished by Tom Ries.*



**JOHN BERGER**  
Position 1

**Occupation:**  
I am the owner of NFTCA, Inc. & NWFF Environmental of Philomath, OR. I am currently certified as a Lead Instructor by the US Department of Agriculture (USFS) to teach NWGC wildland fire related courses nationwide and I am currently the Lead Incident Commander of NWFF Environmental.

**Occupational Background:**  
I have 40 years of experience in Fire and Hazmat related incidents with administrative background in state government including budgeting and management of personnel and resources. 23 years of experience managing and administrating two successful businesses in Philomath. Many years of experience managing and controlling budgets and cost control.

**Educational Background:**  
During my fire career of 30 years I furthered my education and obtained my lifetime service teaching credential in California and a college level teaching credential in Oregon.

**Prior Governmental Experience:**  
Worked for the State of California Department of Forestry as an Administrative Fire Captain and acting Battalion Chief in Orange County, California. Duties included managing six fire stations and sixty personnel, budgeting for maintenance and equipment within the Battalion, managing and budgeting for the headquarters' stations which included eleven buildings, covering two city blocks.

*This information furnished by John Berger.*

## PHILOMATH FIRE AND RESCUE



**RUTH  
JACOBS**  
Position 2

**Occupation:**

Federal biologist conducting communications support for a science center

**Occupational Background:**

Federal biologist, 14 years;  
Research Assistant, Oregon State University, 12 years

**Educational Background:**

B.S., Iowa State University;  
M.S., Oregon State University

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Board of Directors, Philomath Fire and Rescue, one four-year elected term and one-year appointment to mid-term board vacancy

I believe that thoughtful, committed citizens work together to create the local community in which we live. As a long-term resident of Benton County, I am part of that process. One of the ways I seek to serve my community is through volunteer service to Philomath Fire and Rescue as an elected member of the Board of Directors. Having served previously on the board, I understand the complexity of the services provided by this special district and the district's need for volunteers to meet its mission. The district's services are critical to every one of us, and include response to medical emergencies, response to fire and hazardous-materials emergencies, and fire and accident prevention. I commit to work to provide you with the best services we can afford using the services of paid staff and other volunteers, the property taxes you pay, the grants we acquire, and any other resources we can assemble. I will do this by acting respectfully, being accountable, communicating, valuing differences, encouraging, focusing, and collaborating.

*This information furnished by Ruth Jacobs.*

PHILOMATH FIRE AND RESCUE

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JOE  
BRIER  
Position 3

**Occupation:**

I currently hold the position of Firefighter/Paramedic, Oregon Region 5 Hazardous Materials Technician, and Paramedic Field Training Officer with the City of Albany- Paid full time

**Occupational Background:**

19 years, combined, as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT with Monitor Fire District & Philomath Fire & Rescue, 15 years as a full time Paramedic in rural and metro areas, 8 years as a professional Firefighter/Paramedic

**Educational Background:**

A.A.S. of Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic from Chemeketa Community College

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

None

I am excited to be running for position number three (3) on the Philomath Fire & Rescue Board of Directors. I welcome the opportunity to share my background and qualifications with the community. This would be my first service on a community board, but my years of experience, have provided me with a greater awareness of the importance of leadership and service. My background as a volunteer and professional firefighter can only enhance the working knowledge of the challenges that the community faces, from the perspective of a person that has firsthand experience. As a young candidate, I will bring a fresh outlook to each meeting with new ideas and effective solutions. If elected to the Board, my main goal will be to ensure that the district continues to fulfill its mission, while using district funds in a fiscally responsible way that will benefit the community.

*This information furnished by Joe Brier.*

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CHRIS  
BENTLEY  
Position 3

**Occupation:**

Land Use Planner for Benton County since 2002, acting as Community Wildfire Protection Plan Coordinator and Rural Communities Planner.

**Occupational Background:**

Land Use Planner, 20 years; Business owner, 7 years; University Instructor, 5 years.

**Educational Background:**

California Polytechnic University; Utah State University

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Board of Directors, Philomath Fire and Rescue, appointment to mid-term board vacancy; Planning Commissioner, Richmond, Utah; Town Planner, Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Philomath Fire and Rescue is fortunate to have a team of committed volunteers and staff working as firefighters and emergency responders around the clock to protect and serve members of our community. To enable this essential service to continue at a high level, behind-the-scenes support and governance are provided by the Board of Directors as well as other committee volunteers. I believe that our community is strongest when its members pitch in to help make it the place they want to live and raise their families. One way I can help is to bring my experience and skills to the task of serving on the Board of Philomath Fire and Rescue. Prior service on this Board has acquainted me with the issues facing our District as we balance the needs of our public with the realities of funding and administering an essential service. Ours, like fire districts everywhere, is grappling with the challenges of falling tax revenues and escalating costs of services. My continued service on the Board will be guided by adherence to values of fiscal responsibility, transparency in decision-making, trust, and respect for all members of the community.

*This information furnished by Chris Bentley.*



## PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J MEASURE 02-84

### BALLOT TITLE 02-84

**CAPTION:** FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION OPERATING LEVY FOR PHILOMATH SCHOOLS

**QUESTION:** Shall Philomath School District levy \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years for student programs starting in 2013-14? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** In recent years, Philomath School District has experienced state and federal funding reductions and state-mandated cost increases. To address these shortfalls, the District has reduced over 17 full-time equivalent staff positions, cut supply budgets, and reduced contributions to extracurricular activities, resulting in a \$1.5 million reduction in annual expenses.

Despite these measures, current budget projections will require additional cuts of approximately \$1,950,000 over the next five years.

Levy funds will minimize impacts on class size, school days, instructional time, and programs such as PE, music, vocational courses, foreign languages, advanced college courses, art, drama, athletic programs, the community pool, and other valued programs.

This measure authorizes the District to levy \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value each year beginning July 1, 2013 for five consecutive years. The District estimates this would raise approximately \$555,994 in 2013-14, \$567,114 in 2014-15, \$578,457 in 2015-16, \$590,026 in 2016-17, \$601,826 in 2017-18, for a total of \$2,893,417 over five years. This estimate is based on information available from the county assessor at the time of the analysis.

The owner of a home assessed at \$150,000 would pay a maximum of \$18.75 per month or \$225.00 per year.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In recent years, the Philomath School District has taken actions to address funding reductions to balance the budget, including:

- Eliminated 5 administrator positions (3 full-time equivalent jobs), consolidating responsibilities with remaining administrators.
- Reduced 14 full-time equivalent teacher and support positions.
- Negotiated salary freezes at various times for all district employees.
- Increased athletic and activity participation fees.
- Cut back hours of the community pool.
- Reduced high school sections in German, Business, Media, Science, Language Arts, Forestry, PE, Health, and Math.
- Scaled back counseling time across the District.

- Renegotiated and replaced the un-funded Supplemental Retirement Program for current staff with a 403(b) retirement account, reducing the original financial obligation of the district by 50%.
- Replaced the staff's Sick Leave Bank with more cost effective short-term disability insurance.

Despite these significant reductions, the District needs to make additional average cuts of \$390,000 every year for the next five years, resulting in \$1,950,000 of cuts for the 2017-18 annual budget. While the funds from this operating levy would not offset all of these required reductions, the incremental funds would represent preserving up to 14 school days, 9 teachers, or funding for vocational programs, art, music, drama, sports, and other extra-curricular activities. Without the levy funds, these areas would be much more negatively impacted.

The Philomath community has always shown strong support for its schools, which has resulted in a solid record of achievement:

- The Oregon Department of Education rated PMS and PHS "outstanding."
- Philomath schools have 100% "highly qualified" teachers as defined by federal law.
- PHS's graduation rate is 10 percentage points higher than the state average.
- PHS has produced several state championship sports teams and earned the Oregonian Cup, awarded to the top 4A high school for its student athletes' GPAs, sportsmanship, and extracurricular involvement.
- Philomath School's music programs are a model for other districts, with the PHS concert band winning 2 Grammy Awards in the past five years and PMS having 110 student participants in its March 2013 musical "The Little Mermaid."
- 39% of PHS graduates in 2011 entered a four-year college in the Oregon University System.
- PHS continues to support a variety of course offerings such as Forestry, Robotics, Art, Forensics, and Manufacturing Technology.

The Philomath School District would use the monies from the operating levy to offset budget reductions and continue its tradition of excellence.

In May 2010, the voters of Philomath approved a \$29.5M construction bond levy for school facility improvements. Those projects were completed on schedule, within budget, and as outlined in the "bond promise" to the voters. However, by state law, monies from the construction bond cannot be used for school operating expenses. Thus, the District is seeking this operating levy to address the operating budget shortfalls.

Because of "compression" between assessed property value and true market value, some homeowners would not incur any tax increase as a result of this levy.

Submitted by:  
Dan Forbess  
Superintendent  
Philomath School District

# PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J MEASURE 02-84

**ARGUMENT FOR:**

Philomath School Board Members Urge your support of the Operating Levy - Measure 02-84

The strength and quality of our schools has long been a source of pride to the Philomath community, and is one of the main reasons that families choose to live (and stay) in Philomath. Schools not only bring a sense of community to families with children in the district, but residents without students enjoy the secondary benefits of a strong school system. Great schools mean more stable property values, low crime rates, and an educated and employable work force. School tournaments and events draw thousands of visitors to local businesses throughout the year. Strong schools bring many benefits to the Philomath community.

Philomath schools also benefit from the tremendous support of its community -- parents, volunteers, local businesses and civic organizations provide a strong support network for our schools. Philomath schools enjoy many programs that are unusual for a district of its size. An outstanding program for music and the arts, strong athletic teams in a variety of sports, a robotics program, a community pool, a charter school that offers an alternate educational setting, Advanced Placement courses, online learning and credit recovery options, and strong programs in specialized areas like Forestry and Applied Technology (CAD, drafting, welding, etc).

Students of the Philomath school district are widely recognized for their outstanding accomplishments; they raise money for local causes and charities, and have frequently earned recognition for their scholastic achievements as well as their many contributions to the community.

This Local Levy would provide essential funding to help sustain the outstanding programs currently offered by the Philomath school district. Even after significant cuts in expenses in recent years, an operating levy is the only viable means to reduce the impact of further cuts, while sustaining programs that make our schools and community strong.

Please vote "Yes" on Measure 02-84.

Don Cruise            Jim Kildea            Tom Klipfel

*This information furnished by Jim Kildea.*

**ARGUMENT FOR:**

Yes on Measure 02-84

The Philomath Education Association is deeply concerned with the budget cuts that have been impacting student learning and staff. Several key educational programs are in danger of being reduced and/or eliminated. The Philomath School Operating Levy would be used to minimize these cuts. Classes such as Music, PE, Fine Arts, Vocational Ed., and Foreign Language help keep students engaged and enrich their educational experience.

Please join us in support of our schools by voting YES on the Operating Levy.

*This information furnished by Donna Carter, Co-President, Philomath Education Association.*

**PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J MEASURE 02-84**

**ARGUMENT FOR:**

**PHILOMATH MUSIC AND DRAMA TEACHERS ASK YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PHILOMATH SCHOOL LEVY**

We, the Performing Arts educators of Philomath, encourage you to vote YES on the Philomath School Levy.

The Philomath School District has always been a very strong supporter of music and drama education for all students. Music programs are currently a core part of the curriculum for every student from Kindergarten through sixth grade, and elective and extra-curricular options are available to students from seventh through twelfth grade.

Amazing music and drama programs are put on every year at every grade level. Our high school has won two Grammy Awards in the last five years.

We would like to continue this strong tradition in Philomath of giving our kids access to this enriching part of their educational experience.

Unfortunately, with declining enrollment and reduced state funding, music and drama, like many other important education programs, are at risk for reduced financial support. The monies raised in this operating levy will help minimize the impact of budget cuts to music, drama and other programs of the Philomath Schools that make the educational experience for our children so much more engaging.

We have wonderful music and drama programs throughout the Philomath School District. Please help us preserve these for the children of our community.

Dr. Dan Johnson, High School Director of Performing Arts

Mrs. Diane Crocker, Middle School Band and Drama Director

Ms. Amy Kao, Elementary School Music Teacher and Choir Director

Mrs. Colleen Schulze, Retired Elementary School Music Teacher and Choir Director

Please support music and dramatic arts education for our kids.

**PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 02-84**

*This information furnished by the Performing Arts educators of Philomath.*

**ARGUMENT FOR:**

**THE PHILOMATH YOUTH ACTIVITIES CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTS THE PHILOMATH SCHOOL OPERATING LEVY**

The mission of PYAC is "to provide positive recreational and educational opportunities to the youth in our community." The Philomath School District has always partnered with PYAC in that mission, by providing access to school facilities, free of charge, for after-school programs, sports teams practices and games, fund-raisers, and other activities.

In addition, PYAC fully understands the importance of a well-rounded education, with lots of opportunity for a diverse curriculum and school-sponsored extra-curricular activities.

After several years of budget cuts and cost reductions, the Philomath School District still faces cuts to core school programs, both inside and outside of the classroom. This operating levy will help the district reduce the impact on important programs for our children. Therefore, the PYAC Board of Directors stands behind the Philomath Schools during this time and encourages your support of the Philomath Schools Operating Levy

Please join the PYAC Board of Directors in voting YES on Measure 02-84

*This information furnished by the Philomath Youth Activities Club Board of Directors.*

## PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J MEASURE 02-84

### ARGUMENT FOR:

As parents, school volunteers, coaches, educators, and community members we value the many educational opportunities that are provided for the students of the Philomath School District.

The Philomath Schools have a tradition of excellence and believe in the importance of offering music, drama, career and technical education, and athletics, to complement core academics. The success of these well rounded and diverse educational experiences have been given recognition and is evident in its many accomplishments. Within the last five years our schools have received "Outstanding" ratings from the Oregon Department of Education, fielded State Championship sports teams, earned the Oregonian Cup, and won two Grammy Awards.

The monies raised by this operating levy will help decrease the negative impact of budget reductions. Please help the Philomath School District continue to give the children of our community an engaging and enriched educational experience. We encourage your support of the Philomath Schools Operating Levy.

### **Please vote YES on Measure 02-84.**

Candy Ball  
Shelley Bartlow  
Molly Bell  
Joan Forbess  
Steve Golston

*This information furnished by Molly Bell, Candy Ball, Shelley Bartlow, Joan Forbess, and Steve Golston.*

### ARGUMENT FOR:

#### **Support the Philomath School Levy**

Career and Technical Education provides a bridge for that gap between academic education and the skills and experiences needed to have success in the world of work. The CTE programs at Philomath High School have maintained the highest standards providing multiple opportunities for students to reach out beyond the classroom and prepare for life after high school.

Students participating in CTE classes receive college credits, work experience, job shadows, and employment opportunities, all before graduating from high school. Additionally, the State requires schools to provide several elective and applied arts credits, and a seamless transition to post secondary and technical colleges that can only be met through CTE coursework. Our State and Federally certified programs qualify for Federal Perkins Grant funds - nearly \$10,000 annually - providing state of the art equipment, and training for staff and students alike.

It is no secret that our school district is highly respected throughout the state, and families come here seeking a better education and overall high school experience for their children. Philomath High School has a proud history of great academic programs, competitive athletic teams, quality arts, and strong Career and Technical programs.

The Philomath School District is challenged to meet the academic requirements of the State and maintain quality CTE programs all while coupled with declining revenue. Please help to continue providing students with these great opportunities to learn to work and have the skills to be employable.

Simon Babcock  
Forestry and Natural Resources Teacher

Scott Ballard  
Manufacturing Technology Teacher

Donna Carter  
Health Occupations Teacher

Sarah Melonuk  
Family and Consumer Studies Teacher

Nicole Stueve  
Business Teacher

Please support Career and Technical Education for Philomath students.

### **PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 02-84**

*This information furnished by Philomath Vocational Teachers.*

# PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J MEASURE 02-84

**ARGUMENT FOR:**

**PHILOMATH COACHES SUPPORT THE OPERATING LEVY**

Study after study show that kids involved in extra-curricular sports and activities perform better in school, are less likely to use drugs and alcohol, and less likely to get into trouble at school or in their community.

Furthermore, Philomath Middle School and Philomath High School have a track record of excellence in athletics. Just in this year alone, our teams from PHS have performed exceptionally well, with nearly every sport reaching the state play-offs or meets, and the Boys Soccer Team winning the State Championship!

Unfortunately, extra-curricular athletics and activities are usually the first to be impacted when budget cuts are required. For the past several years in Philomath, student athletes have had to pay a participation fee to play a team sport. In the 2012-13 school year, these fees were increased across the board. They currently stand at \$175 for the first sport at PHS and \$115 at PMS.

With Philomath Schools projecting that annual operating expenses will need to be reduced by \$225,000 next year and by \$2,000,000 by 2017-18, it is likely athletics will see reductions in offerings, increases in participation fees, or both. The Philomath School's Operating Levy will help to lessen the potential impacts and reductions on our athletic programs.

Philomath Schools have a proud tradition of athletic excellence. Please join us, the varsity coaches of Philomath, in supporting the Philomath Operating Levy to help maintain that tradition.

- Troy Muir, Head Football Coach
- Amy Leonard, Head Girls Basketball Coach
- John Williams, Head Girls Soccer Coach
- Lori Haslam, Head Dance Coach
- Joe Fulton, Head Track and Cross Country Coach
- Alain Brown, Head Volleyball Coach
- Levi Webber, Head Baseball Coach
- Blake Ecker, Head Boys Basketball Coach

Go Warriors!

Vote YES on Measure 02-84

*This information furnished by Philomath Varsity Coaches.*

**ARGUMENT FOR:**

O.S.E.A. Chapter 64 endorses the proposed FIVE-YEAR OPTION OPERATING LEVY FOR PHILOMATH SCHOOLS.

As members of this community and classified support for our schools, we have a personal stake in the investment for our students. Levy funds will minimize the impact on not only programs and courses but the ability to retain the needed support services for our teachers and students.

It is our belief that money spent on educational services for the children of our community comes back to us in many ways. We see the impact in the classrooms when the number of students increase; we also know what it is like not to have enough time to get everything done.

It is our hope that this levy will help retain valued time and services for Philomath students as we weather the state and federal budget shortfalls.

Respectfully submitted by Lou Ann Mergl  
Chapter 64 President  
Oregon School Employees Association

*This information furnished by Lou Ann Mergl, Chapter 64 President, Oregon School Employees Association.*

## PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT 17J MEASURE 02-84

### ARGUMENT FOR:

Why should taxpayers support the Philomath Schools Operating Levy?

(1) The Philomath School District (PSD) has been responsible with existing funds.

- PSD has cut costs and waste. In two years, the District eliminated 17 full-time equivalent positions and reduced annual costs by \$1.5M.
- Corvallis schools approved an optional levy in 1999. Philomath has avoided the need until now.
- For the \$29.5M construction bond Philomath voters approved in 2010, the District worked a very low interest rate from federal stimulus programs, saving about \$18M in interest payments for taxpayers.
- These construction projects came in on time, in budget, and with the promised scope.
- There is still \$900,000 of construction grant funds available to the District. (However, by state law, no construction revenues can be used for school operations, which is why this operating levy is needed.)

(2) The tax increase from this levy is small.

- Based on estimates from data provided by the county assessor, 39% of taxpayers would see a tax increase from \$0-\$50; 43% from \$50-\$200; and 18% greater than \$200.
- All of these levy funds go directly to the Philomath Schools.

(3) Matching funds are available.

- If Measure 02-84 passes, PSD is eligible for an estimated \$250,000 in matching funds from the State. The projected \$555,000 from the levy would become \$805,000 annually.
- Thus, passing this measure would route taxes you are already paying to the State back to our local schools.

(4) The funds are needed.

- PSD wants to maintain the high-quality educational programs we have today.
- Regrettably, with current projections, Philomath needs to cut \$2M in annual expenses in five years. We can't do that without reducing or eliminating key programs.
- The passage of this operating levy would mitigate these reductions and help preserve the high-quality programs we have.

Please vote YES for 02-84. It's responsible and affordable.

*This information furnished by Tom Klipfel.*

**NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

## PALESTINE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEASURE 02-83

<p><b>BALLOT TITLE</b> <b>02-83</b></p> <p><b>CAPTION:</b> MEASURE PROPOSING RENEWING FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LOCAL OPTION TAX LEVY</p> <p><b>QUESTION:</b> Shall District renew the \$.9007 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2013-2014 for fire protection.</p> <p><b>SUMMARY:</b> Palestine-Rural Fire Protection District's financial resources have been rapidly depleting in the last couple of years due to an increase in the cost of fire protection service. Therefore, it is necessary to request a renewal of the five-year operating local option tax levy of \$.9007 per \$1,000 of assessed value to finance the operations of the District beginning in tax year 2013-2014. The estimated tax raised by year would be \$67,531 for 2013-14, \$70,232 for 2014-15, \$73,041 for 2015-16, \$75,963 for 2016-17, \$79,002 for 2017-18 for a total of \$365,769 over 5 years. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an estimate only based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.</p>	<p><b>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT</b></p> <p>This measure will renew the existing temporary operating tax to help finance the operations of Palestine Rural Fire Protection District. If this measure passes, the District will impose a tax of \$.9007 per \$1,000 of assessed value within the District for the next five years beginning in 2013-2014. The operating tax rate will be in addition to the permanent rate limit of \$1.2493 per \$1,000 of assessed value.</p> <p>Board Members:          Roger Biegel          Wayne Henneck          J. David Adams          Christopher Linn          Christine A. Franke          Nicholas Fowler</p> <p><i>Submitted by Palestine Rural Fire Protection District.</i></p> <p><b>NO ARGUMENTS WERE FILED.</b></p>
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### Voter Registration and Casting Your Ballot

**Who is qualified to vote:** In order to receive a ballot, voters must be registered to vote no later than 21 days prior to the election. However, if a registered voter moves within the State of Oregon, that voter can update his/her voter registration information and receive a ballot up until **8:00 PM on Election Day**.

**Absentee Ballots:** It is against the law to have anyone forward a ballot to you. Even the United States Postal Service will not forward a ballot. If you will be out of the area during the election period and would like to receive a ballot, contact our office and request that an "Absentee Ballot" sent directly to you.

**How to cast your ballot:** Use a **PEN OR PENCIL** to vote your ballot. Fill in the ovals next to your choices. If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote will not count for that candidate or measure. You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do not vote will still count. If you make a mistake, your ballot is damaged or spoiled, or you lost your ballot call the Benton County Elections Office 541-766-6756.

**If you lost, destroyed, damaged your ballot or make a mistake while voting it:** Please contact the Benton County Elections Office to request a replacement ballot. The replacement ballot will be mailed to you, as long as your request is received no later than the 5th day before Election Day. After the 5th day before the election, you may pick up a ballot by coming to the Benton County Elections Office.

If you have already mailed your original ballot before you realize you made a mistake, your ballot has been cast, and you are not eligible for a replacement ballot.

**In order for your ballot to be counted** it must be returned to any Elections Office or an official ballot dropsite in the State of Oregon, **no later than 8:00 PM Election Day, MAY 21, 2013.**

**Postmarks DO NOT count!**

Ballots must be returned enclosed in the official ballot return envelope and **signed by the voter** in order to be counted. Even people with Power of Attorney do not have authority to sign another person's ballot.

If you have other questions about voter registration, your ballot, or voting in Benton County you are encouraged to call 541-766-6756 or e-mail us at [bcelections@co.benton.or.us](mailto:bcelections@co.benton.or.us).

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