



OREGON COALITION OF COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS

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NEW ADVOCACY GROUP LAUNCHES FOR OREGON'S COMMUNITY BASED CHARTER SCHOOLS

Educators, parents, and students from across Oregon come together to establish a new coalition to support and promote community based charter schools.

We are pleased to announce our new organization—the Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools (ORC3S), which will dedicate itself to strengthening the charter sector by providing opportunities for our schools to share their experiences and strategies to ensure we are responsive to our diverse communities and living up to our principles. We believe in the power of schools to transform the lives of young people AND believe that chartering can encourage innovation in the organization and programs of public schools.

This agreement comes after years of founding member schools working together in an informal coalition to support one another through the sharing of best practices and engaging in statewide policy advocacy.

After months of discussion the group decided to form a new advocacy organization grounded in Oregon's charter movement's original principles of accountability, choice, democracy and community empowerment. Community-based public charter schools are located across Oregon, from the farthest reaches of Eastern Oregon to the coast, and in our rural and urban areas. They serve students of all grade levels with varying needs, implementing a broad range of instructional and organizational models that exemplify the diversity, innovation, quality, and commitment to community that inspired the original vision of the public charter school movement.

Statement of Principles

We aspire to be great community schools of choice for the families we serve.

We are united behind the original ideals of the charter school contract. We embrace our diverse communities, which include immigrants, people of color, children with disabilities, the homeless, English language learners, people of all faiths, and the LGBTQ community. We believe in the power of schools to transform the lives of young people AND in the responsibility of government to ensure that all children have adequate nutrition, shelter, health care and educational opportunity.

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.orc3s.org>



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Founding Member Schools

- Alliance Charter Academy
- Cannon Beach Academy
- Clackamas Middle College
- Clackamas Web Academy
- David Douglas Arthur Academy
- Four Rivers Community School
- Gresham Arthur Academy
- Mosier Community School
- Opal School
- Portland Arthur Academy
- Portland Village School
- Redmond Proficiency Academy
- Reynolds Arthur Academy
- Rivers Edge Academy Charter School
- St Helens - Yankton Arthur Academy
- Woodburn Arthur Academy

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