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Sam Breyer Named Executive Director of Oregon Association of Education Service Districts

The Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Sam Breyer as its next Executive Director, effective July 1, 2025. Breyer, a seasoned education leader and former superintendent of the Multnomah Education Service District, brings more than two decades of experience in educational leadership and advocacy.

"I'm honored to serve an organization that supports the unique strengths and needs of each of Oregon's ESDs," said Breyer. "I've seen the power of OAESD to bring diverse voices together to form trusting, productive partnerships while honoring local context. I'm excited for the opportunity to build upon these strong, purpose-built relationships to advance our collective efforts to support student success."

Breyer's leadership experience spans multiple roles and institutions, including superintendencies at Multnomah ESD and Centennial School District. Under Breyer's leadership at Multnomah ESD, regional trust and service engagement grew significantly, with more than a 40% increase in services delivered. His ability to manage complex systems, build partnerships and lead through fiscal and organizational change will be an asset to OAESD and its members.

"Sam brings a clear passion and skill for collaborative leadership and advocacy," said Dan Goldman, OAESD President and Superintendent of Northwest Regional ESD. "His humility, strategic vision and deep understanding of both local and state educational systems make him an outstanding choice to serve the unique needs of Oregon's 19 ESDs in this next chapter."

In addition to his superintendent roles, he has served as an elementary school principal, district office administrator, adjunct professor of school improvement, and elementary teacher. He was also a commissioner for the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). His undergraduate and Master of Arts in Teaching degrees are from Willamette University and he holds an administrative license from Lewis and Clark College. In recognition of changing organizational needs and to promote sustainable leadership, the Executive Director role is transitioning from a full-time (1.0 FTE) position to a part-time (0.5 FTE) position beginning July 1.

OAESD supports Oregon's education service districts through coordination, partnership, and advocacy, to ensure the locally-responsive mission of each ESD is accomplished. With equity and racial justice at the forefront, OAESD works to ensure every student is accepted as their authentic self, heard and valued, and supported in achieving high academic standards. For more information, visit www.oaesd.org.