

Salem-Keizer school board approves proclamation honoring parents and guardians

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The Salem-Keizer school board joined with district parents at the Jan. 11 board meeting to adopt a proclamation making January the Parent and Guardian Engagement in Education Month.

Parents and school board members had worked together for weeks to shape the January proclamation, which stated that while November is typically National Parent Engagement Month, “the New Year provides us an opportunity to celebrate and honor our parents and guardians.”

The proclamation was unanimously approved by the seven person board after a short discussion.

“I’m super grateful this

(proclamation) is here. I’m a parent and it’s no secret that I’m pretty passionate about parent activity in our schools. I also don’t think it’s a secret, the district as a whole wants parents and guardians as a whole to participate,” said Danielle Bethell, board director for Keizer’s zone 6.

As part of the proclamation, board members reaffirmed that “we are committed to working with all parents and guardians, families, and community in collaborative partnership as supportive adults to help our children grow in knowledge and understanding and reach their full potential.”

In anticipation of the board’s vote, over a dozen people spoke during public comments in favor of the proclamation. Kristi Tomlin, a former teacher

at McNary High School, spoke first in support of the proclamation.

“I am a trained educator, literacy expert and school volunteer, but I am first and foremost the primary educator of my own children. And I deserve to be at the decision making table as the law allows,” Tomlin said during a three minute statement.

Multiple public speakers also implored the school board and

superintendent Christy Perry not to close schools as COVID cases soar in Oregon and to reverse mask and vaccine mandates.

Masks requirements in schools and vaccine requirements for educators came from the State of Oregon and Gov. Kate Brown, not Salem-Keizer School District leadership.



PARENT AND GUARDIAN ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH
PROCLAMATION

Every year, organizations reflect on the important role parents, guardians, and caregivers play in the education and training of their children that support student success. Although typically recognized in November, the New Year provides us an opportunity to celebrate and honor our parents and guardians, including grandparents, elders, foster parents, extended family, older siblings, and other caring adults, who are a significant part of a student’s education and make a difference in the lives of children.

WHEREAS from infancy, parents and guardians play a vital role in their child’s education as their first educator; and

WHEREAS parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for the education, nurturing, safety, and well-being of their children, as well as to teach them to respect others and themselves; and

WHEREAS parents and guardians serve as volunteers in our schools as reading buddies, classroom helpers, and in a multitude of other ways, all of which benefit many children; and

WHEREAS education is comprised of a range of activities by which parents, guardians, and communities teach empathy, values, knowledge, and skills necessary to become effective members in a community that helps one another; and

WHEREAS our schools prosper with cooperation and collaborative support of all parents, guardians, and caregivers when we work together for proactive solutions in multiple areas, including student academic performance, behaviors, and expectations; and

WHEREAS students, families, and everyone in our schools shall be afforded equity, dignity, and respect so all students have a safe and welcoming environment for learning; and

WHEREAS we encourage and are committed to supporting all parents and guardians to be informed and active participants in their children’s education; and in keeping with that goal, we provide opportunities for engagement and communication, including community forums and learning sessions in which parents and guardians may participate, and communication tools to ensure parents and guardians have information vital to their children’s education; and

WHEREAS the parent (guardian)/child relationship shall be respected and supported by teachers, counselors, administrators, and school board members;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors proclaims the month of January as Parent and Guardian Engagement in Education Month. As board members, we are committed to working with all parents and guardians, families, and community in collaborative partnership as supportive adults to help our children grow in knowledge and understanding and reach their full potential. Working together we are best able to provide access, opportunity, and support for all students and strengthen their overall well-being. Let us join together in helping all students graduate, prepared for a successful life.

Oswaldo F. Avila
Oswaldo F. Avila, Chairperson
Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors

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