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**Salem-Keizer Board of Directors elects new board leadership**

The School Board elects Osvaldo F. Avila as the new board chairperson and Ashley Carson Cottingham as the new board vice chairperson

**SALEM, Ore.** – The Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors unanimously elected new board leadership during their regularly scheduled meeting on July 13, 2021. Osvaldo F. Avila was elected as the new board chairperson and Ashley Carson Cottingham was elected as the new board vice chairperson effective today. Both of these positions can be held for up to two years.

Osvaldo F. Avila has served as a director on the school board since July of 2021 and represents Zone 1. Ashley Carson Cottingham has served as a director on the school board since July of 2021 and represents Zone 3.

“As school board directors, we have a responsibility to serve our communities, our school district, our students, staff and educators,” said SKPS School Board Chairperson Avila. “We must do so with integrity and through diverse perspectives to elevate educational outcomes that prepares them with the tools and resources to make their best decision in pursuing, high-skilled career training, college or university opportunities.”

Former Chairperson Satya Chandragiri will remain on the school board as a director, as will former Vice Chairperson Danielle Bethell.

Each board member is elected by local voters to serve a four-year term without pay. Even though each member represents a zone in our district, the entire board works together to serve all students in Salem and Keizer.

To learn more about our school board and to find out how you can reach out to members, visit [www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/schoolboard](http://www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/schoolboard).





**Board Chairperson:**  
Osvaldo F. Avila

Zone 1, Elected to board in 2021



**Board Vice Chairperson:**  
Ashley Carson Cottingham

Zone 3, Elected to board in 2021

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Led by Superintendent Christy Perry, Salem-Keizer School District 24J is the second-largest school district in the state of Oregon. Nearly 5,000 employees serve nearly 42,000 students in 65 schools in the cities of Salem and Keizer.