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Salem-Keizer Board of Directors elect new board leadership, swear in new student advisor

The School Board elects Ashley Carson Cottingham as the new board chairperson, María Hinojos Pressey as the new board 1st vice chairperson and Karina Guzmán Ortiz as the new board 2nd vice chairperson

SALEM, Ore. – The Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors elected new board leadership during their regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2022. Ashley Carson Cottingham was elected as the new board chairperson, María Hinojos Pressey was elected as the new board 1st vice chairperson and Karina Guzmán Ortiz was elected as the new board 2nd vice chairperson.

Ashley Carson Cottingham has served as a director on the school board since 2021 and represents Zone 3. María Hinojos Pressey has served as a director on the school board since 2021 and represents Zone 7. Karina Guzmán Ortiz has served as a director on the school board since 2021 and represents Zone 5.

Former board chairperson, Osvaldo Avila will remain on the school board as a director.

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

Student Advisors

In addition to the election of board leadership, Raylin Brennan from Sprague High School was also formally sworn into service as a student advisor. Isaac McDonald from West Salem High School will also serve as a student advisor and will be sworn in at a later date. Both Raylin and Isaac will serve on the board in a non-voting, advisory capacity through June 2023.

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.

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Led by Superintendent Christy Perry, [Salem-Keizer School District 24J](#) is the second-largest school district in Oregon. Nearly 6,000 employees serve a diverse student-body of 40,000 students, who speak more than 100 different languages in 65 schools, throughout the cities of Salem and Keizer.