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## **Northwest Regional Education Service District selects Dan Goldman as its next Superintendent**

Hillsboro – In a special session Tuesday night, Northwest Regional Education Service District’s Board of Directors unanimously agreed to hire Hood River County Superintendent Dan Goldman as its next superintendent. Goldman’s 3-year contract will begin on July 1.

Current Superintendent Rob Saxton expressed his excitement at the board’s decision. “He checks every box,” Saxton says. “His training and experience as a school psychologist and special educator make him especially well-positioned for success. He has experience in small, medium and large school districts, which will serve our region well. He has delivered impressive outcomes in Hood River County, and I know he will do the same for Northwest Regional Education Service District.”

In his application to the board, Goldman wrote, “I fully understand the incredible breadth of responsibilities and the requisite energy and dedication the superintendency necessitates – I live it every day, without regret, and with great optimism.” Goldman, who is a graduate of Evergreen State College (1994), Lewis and Clark College (2001; 2013) and Portland State University (2006), comes to the job with 26 years of experience in education.

He has previously worked as a middle school teacher in Olympia and as a school psychologist and teacher on special assignment for Portland Public Schools. He served as Director of Curriculum and Instruction & Elementary Programs for the Tigard-Tualatin School District for 7 years. Since 2013, he has led the Hood River County School District and amassed an impressive list of accomplishments.

Under his leadership, the Hood River County School District has:

- Seen rapid increases in literacy and math outcomes, [high school graduation rates](#) and the number of students pursuing post-secondary education degrees and certificates.
- Stabilized its budget while decreasing class sizes and doubling the number of elementary counselors, physical education and music teachers.
- Substantially increased the number of students in advanced placement (AP) and college-level coursework.

- Doubled the number of high-quality preschool programs.
- Passed operating and capital bond levies at historic voter-approval levels and then delivered critical capital bond improvements as promised and on budget.
- Expanded its focus on integrated science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics and career-technical education.
- Significantly diversified its educational workforce and expanded Spanish Language Immersion programming.
- Earned the first-ever Certificate of Excellence in fiscal transparency and accuracy, improved ratings from S&P Global Ratings on its general obligation bonds to an ‘AA-’ rating and received 5 consecutive years of clean financial audits
- Been named as one of the [top 10 school districts in the state](#) (and in the [top 5 for student-athletes](#)) by Niche.com.

Marilyn McGlasson, a Northwest Regional Education Service District Board Member, who led the superintendent search committee, is thrilled with the new hire.

“We set the bar high in our search,” McGlasson says. “I believe in Dan we have found the visionary leader we were searching for.”

*Northwest Regional Education Service District [is the largest](#) of Oregon’s 19 education service districts. It serves 20 school districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties. These school districts serve more than 124,000 students. Through state funding, contracts, and private and public grants, the agency provides a wide range of special education and specialized services to students in the region. Depending on need, children receive services from birth to age 21. Services include early intervention and early childhood special education; K-12 special education; instructional and school improvement programs for students, educators, child care providers and community members; outdoor school; dual-credit, GED and online educational options; and technology, administrative and business services.*

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