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Dear colleague,

As the Educator Advancement Council continues our forward momentum, we want to ensure you are fully informed of relevant transitions, including the sunset of the Chief Education Office (attached).

The EAC is swiftly moving toward implementation of innovative efforts designed to improve how Oregon supports high-quality, well-supported and culturally-responsive public educators in every classroom. The Council’s approach to the charge of Senate Bill 182, is to build upon past state investments by:

- Establishing a system of local educator networks prioritized by educators and for educators. Ten regional educator networks will help facilitate the work of school districts in their respective regions as they improve systems designed to support educators from the time individuals consider the profession through preparation, employment, onboarding and support for novice educators, ongoing professional learning to opportunities for career advancement.
- Deployment of the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program to help achieve purposes of the Educator’s Equity Act, including scholarships, mentoring, networking and other resources for racially or linguistically diverse teaching candidates.
- Better alignment of early learning professional development systems with K-3 systems.
- Addressing issues related to educator workforce supply and demand.

The EAC represents significant changes in the way the state supports educators. In the past, the state has offered competitive grants to school districts for professional learning and mentoring, often resulting in disparate access to resources by Oregon’s educators and across geographic areas. The EAC is a public-nonprofit partnership created by the Oregon Legislature aiming to reverse this trend. The EAC’s Regional Educator Networks will engage educators in their community, identify local needs, and ultimately leverage and distribute state dollars in a noncompetitive way that best serves students.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to connecting soon,

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