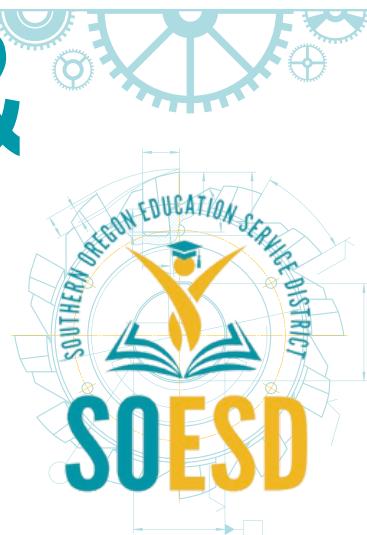




Blueprint & Beyond

COMPONENT DISTRICT EDITION

A regular update from the Superintendent's Office for the districts we serve.



1. Superintendent's Message

As I reach the six-month mark as superintendent, I want to share a brief update on five areas I've prioritized...each aimed at strengthening SOESD's ability to serve you and your communities more intentionally.

Board Development

Six of our nine board members are new this year. Since August, they've participated in a retreat and ongoing OSBA learning sessions to deepen their understanding of their governance role and strengthen alignment with regional needs. They are enthusiastic and deeply committed to supporting districts.

Policy Modernization

Many SOESD policies had not been updated for decades. In partnership with OSBA, we are completing a full policy rewrite to ensure legal compliance, clarity, and consistency for our districts. Newly approved policies can be found here: <https://policy.osba.org/soesd/index.asp>



Strategic Planning

We continue to make steady progress on our strategic planning process, which is grounded in employee and district input. You can find a fuller update in Article 3 of this newsletter.

Communications

Improving communication has been a key priority. This district-facing newsletter is one of several steps we've taken to strengthen transparency and connection.

Facilities

We are making intentional decisions about facilities to support safe, efficient, and accessible spaces for regional services. Page 2 offers a closer look at completed projects and upcoming milestones.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Every improvement we make internally is designed to help us better support the students, families, and educators in your districts—with a human-centered, people-first approach.

Mark Angle-Hobson
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This Edition's Topics!

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NEW
UPDATE



Facilities Update 2.

Upcoming Transitions

Early Childhood Services — Relocating from Gilbert Creek to the new Ramsey Ave location. A new playground will be installed this spring (when weather permits), followed by a ribbon cutting and open house to celebrate.

Klamath Falls Office — Improvements completed during winter break. We are working on getting a storage shed moved to the site.

Chevy Way Closure — To reduce overhead costs and protect programming during a time of budget constraints, SOELS is consolidating their office space to their Growing Together Family Community Center location at 310 SW H Street in Grants Pass.

Gilbert Creek — Early Childhood Services moving to 711 SW Ramsey Ave; the Gilbert Creek building will be vacated but retained for possible future use.

Phoenix Building

Substantial completion expected: March 29, 2026

Ribbon Cutting & Tours: April 14, 2026 (4-6pm)

Tentative Moving Timeline:

- Once we take possession of the building, programs currently housed at W. Main will move first, so we can end that lease.
- Then, when students leave for summer break, we will move the STEPS classrooms and school-year staff into Phoenix.



Other Potential Changes

- District Office** - We are also exploring the possibility of relocating some administrative services to Phoenix to increase efficiency and reduce lease and insurance costs. This move would allow Phoenix to function as our designated District Office. If confirmed, these teams would transition to the new building before June 30 so that all year-round employees can begin work there on July 1.
- Operations Center** - Grape Street may transition into our Operations Center, serving as the home for Business Services, Electronic Services, Shipping & Receiving, and Technology Services.

These projects represent significant progress and the collective effort of many teams. Thank you for your flexibility, collaboration, and dedication during this period of transformation. Together, we are creating spaces that truly support our mission and the communities we serve...while demonstrating in tangible ways that we are careful and responsible stewards of public resources.

Strategic Planning: 3.

Focus Group Update

AWESOME

Focus Group Engagement



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People Participated In Focus
Groups So Far!

Next Steps:

Our strategic planning coach, Gayle Juneau-Butler, has made the difficult decision to transition to a new role and will no longer be supporting our work. While we will miss her guidance, we are excited for her as she moves closer to her family and takes on a new role leading Academic Services at her local community college. We wish her all the best in this next chapter. Looking ahead, we have an outstanding team of coaches ready to support the remainder of the strategic planning process.

Key upcoming dates include **virtual focus groups January 6–8**, a **follow-up survey January 9–14** for those who haven't yet participated or want to share additional input, and a **Pillars & Goals survey in early February** after the draft plan is ready. The **strategic plan is expected to be completed by February 27 and presented to the Board of Directors on March 18**.

4. Local Service Plan Draft: 2026-2027



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