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Welcome

Dr. Andy Dey, Superintendent
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Dear Families,

On behalf of Eugene School District 4J, I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the 2023-24 school year. As superintendent, it is my utmost pleasure to lead this exceptional learning community.

At 4J, we prioritize the success and well-being of every student. Our dedicated team of educators and staff works tirelessly to create an inclusive and nurturing environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and a love for learning.

We value the partnership between families and the district, as it is crucial to providing a well-rounded education. Together, we can empower our students to reach their fullest potential.

I look forward to a fruitful collaboration with you throughout the school year to create a positive and enriching educational experience for all our students.

Warm regards,



Eugene 4J School Board
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Tom Di Liberto



Rick Hamilton



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Morgan Munro



Judy Newman



Maya Rabasa



*Vacant, pending
school board
appointment*

Seven volunteer school board members are elected from the district at large to serve four-year terms. The school board sets policy for the school district and hires the superintendent. The board meets in regular public sessions, usually on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe St. For meetings times, agendas, streaming information and recordings, visit 4j.lane.edu/board or call 541-790-7706.

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4J focus

Eugene School District 4J, guided by the leadership of Superintendent Andy Dey and the school board, has three major priorities.

1

Meaningful engagement and timely communication

2

A coordinated focus on equitable access and advancement for all, with an amplified focus on the desires of those who have been historically underserved

3

Safety and well-being for students and staff

Key Information for Families

Update contact information

Has your phone number, email or emergency contacts changed? Make sure your school has your current contact information so you can receive important messages. Update your contact information through ParentVue or by contacting your school office.

Eat free

All 4J students will continue to receive free meals at school this year, regardless of family income, with funding coming from the district's general budget. Consider applying for free meal verification for additional benefits and to save our district as much as \$1,309 a year per student. Visit 4j.lane.edu/nutrition or call 541-790-7656.

Getting to school

Students are encouraged to walk, bike, ride the bus, or use other forms of active and shared transportation. To learn more about school bus routes, active transportation assistance and free LTD bus passes, visit 4j.lane.edu/transportation or call 541-790-7474.

Know your rights

Annual notices of legal rights and opt-out forms, such as student directory information, teaching and curriculum, teacher qualifications, and student rights and responsibilities, are available at 4j.lane.edu/annual-notice or by calling 541-790-7712.

Connect with mental health support

Many students struggle at times. If your child needs support for mental health, talk to your school counselor or another trusted adult at your school. For other mental health resources, visit 4j.lane.edu/mental-health-resources.

Join with 4J

Follow 4J on social media to celebrate students, staff and schools, learn about upcoming events and opportunities, and join the conversation.



facebook.com/4Jschools



instagram.com/4Jschools



vimeo.com/4Jschools



Family Engagement



TAKE A LOOK: NEW 4J WEBSITE LAUNCHES

We are pleased to unveil 4J's new website, designed to enhance communication, accessibility and user experiences for everyone in our educational community. After months of hard work and collaboration, we are proud to present a fresh online platform that offers an array of exciting features and improvements to greatly enhance your online experience with our district and your school. Check it out: 4j.lane.edu.



LOG IN TO PARENTSQUARE

To improve engagement and connection with your school and our district, we have implemented a new school-to-home communication system called ParentSquare. This secure platform combines school and district communications into one, easy-to-use system. Once you have created an account, school and district information will be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text, depending on your preferences. Download the ParentSquare app or login at parentsquare.com.



We are stronger when
we **listen**, and smarter
when we **share**.

— Rania Al-Abdullah

focus:

“Meaningful engagement and timely communication”

We are dedicated to fostering positive relationships, building trust and effectively communicating and engaging with our families. We seek to build an environment where parents are empowered to support their child’s learning and overall development.



LET’S TALK: A NEW WAY TO DIALOGUE WITH 4J

The Let’s Talk online platform provides an accessible way to ask questions, report concerns, and provide feedback 24/7 from any device. We’re listening! Look for the “Contact us” pop-up bar on our website or visit 4j.lane.edu/letstalk.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

4J welcomes the enthusiasm and assistance of volunteers in schools. Volunteer opportunities include tutoring students in reading and math, mentoring middle school students, assisting on field trips, helping in school libraries, and more. For specific opportunities, contact the school directly. For more information on how to become a volunteer, please visit 4j.lane.edu/volunteers or email volunteersupport@4j.lane.edu.

ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING

The school board, budget committee and equity committee all hold public meetings. The board and committees encourage public participation and allow time at each regular meeting for public testimony. Meeting times, agendas, streaming information and recordings can be found at 4j.lane.edu/board or by calling 541-790-7706.

SUPPORT EUGENE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (EEF)

As the nonprofit fundraising arm for 4J schools, EEF solicits donations and supports site-based fundraising efforts to increase enrichment opportunities for all students. Learn more: eeflane.org.



Equitable Access & Advancement



Until we get
equity in
education,
we won't have an
equal society.

—Justice Sonia Sotomayor

KINDERGARTEN SMART START

Starting kindergarten has changed in Eugene 4J to better support our youngest students' needs and set them up for a successful K–12 journey. The new Kindergarten Smart Start program provides a staggered start and dedicated time for staff to meet with families during the first eight days of school. The smaller class sizes and connection with families allow teachers the opportunity to better understand each child's unique academic and social strengths and needs from the very beginning, improving the start of school for all our learners. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/kindergarten.

EARLY LITERACY

A new 4J initiative aimed at improving reading skills will embed instructional coaches in elementary schools to support teachers implementing the new bond-funded language arts curriculum. These site-based literacy coaches will enhance instructional practices, resulting in better reading outcomes for students.

COLLEGE READINESS

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an international college readiness program designed to increase the college-going culture of schools. Since introducing AVID in 2008, our district has expanded the program to serve all 4J high schools and middle schools, plus two elementary schools. We are focused on expanding AVID to make it available to students at all 4J schools.

GROWING CTE

Building on the success of 4J's CTE (career technical education) pathways program, we are opening the Center for Applied Learning & Community Engagement in the fall of 2023 to expand CTE opportunities for students. In partnership with industry professionals, 4J is committed to providing students with authentic project-based learning so they have the skills and knowledge for high-wage/high-demand jobs after graduation.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Students of shared identity characteristics are provided time and space to join together in a space where they make up the majority. Affinity groups help students develop healthy self-identities

focus:

“A coordinated focus on equitable access and advancement for all with an amplified focus on the desires of those who have been historically underserved”

We are committed to prioritizing the needs and desires of student groups who have historically faced significant challenges and barriers to achieving academic success. We strive to create an inclusive and nurturing educational environment where every student feels valued, supported and inspired to excel.

and build networks both within and beyond the group through sharing experiences and belonging strategies. Affinity groups are school-based and facilitated by a 4J staff member. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/affinity or contact your school.

Affinity groups available to students (varies by school):

APISU: Asian, Pacific Islander Student Union

BSU: Black Student Union

GSA: Gender Sexuality Alliance

LSU: Latinx Student Union

NASU: Native American Student Union

NDSU: Neurodivergent Student Union

JSU: Jewish Student Union

SCHOOL CHOICE

The district's school choice policy means that any student in the district may request to attend any 4J school. Families who live outside of the district may request a transfer to 4J. Regardless of which school you choose, your child will receive an excellent education. January is school choice month for in-district families; March is when families from out-of-district can apply for a transfer to a 4J school. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/choice, or contact schoolchoice@4j.lane.edu, 541-790-7553.

DIVERSIFYING 4J'S WORKFORCE

We are committed to building a workforce that more closely resembles the students and families we serve. 4J's Grow Your Own program is designed to diversify our workforce so that we can internally and intentionally grow in our understanding and support of our community.



Safety & Well-Being



CARE & ADVOCACY

We are dedicated to the well-being of every student. Our commitment is rooted in creating a supportive and inclusive environment where all students can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Through strong partnerships with health care providers and other community organizations, we provide students and their families with access to a comprehensive range of support services to meet the needs of our students.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

We take the safety of our students very seriously. The district follows the Standard Response Protocol, including Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter protocols. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/SRP.

Schools routinely practice fire evacuation, lockdown and earthquake drills. 4J has a districtwide emergency manual, including guidelines for how to deal with serious injury, a hazardous material spill, or dangerous intruders. Each school also has developed its own procedures to respond quickly and appropriately to emergency situations.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

If an urgent situation arises, we will notify families using ParentSquare via a text and/or email. However, messages are not instantaneous, as staff must have time to send a message with clear and confirmed information. Please do not go to the school or call the school during emergencies. Staff will be focused on student safety and will not be able to assist you. Additionally, a flood of incoming calls can overwhelm the phone system and make internal communication difficult. If your contact information changes, be sure to let your school know.

SNOW DAYS / OTHER SCHOOL CLOSURES AND DELAYS

NO NEWS = NO CHANGE. Families will be notified of weather-related school closures and delays through ParentSquare. The information also will be posted on the district's website and social media (Facebook & Instagram) by 6:30 a.m. that day. Local news media, including the school district's radio station, KRVM-FM 91.9, provide regular updates on mornings that schools must be closed or delayed. Families are encouraged to consider road conditions in their areas and make their own decisions based on safety. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/weather.

SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN

To support the mental health of students and address the risk of youth suicide, the district has adopted a comprehensive suicide prevention plan. The plan outlines prevention and intervention procedures, staff training components, and addressing the needs of high-risk groups, including LGBTQIA+ students and students of color. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/suicide-prevention.

SAFEOREGON TIPLINE

All students and community members are encouraged to immediately report to a school staff member or law enforcement officer any rumors or threats of school violence, situations that may be potentially violent or seriously harmful to a person, or other concerning behavior. The SafeOregon tipline at safeoregon.com, is another way school or student safety concerns can be reported, even anonymously. If you perceive a risk as imminent, call 911.

focus:

“Safety and well-being for students and staff”

We are committed to creating a secure and nurturing environment for everyone within our educational community. Our objective encompasses implementing comprehensive safety protocols, including emergency preparedness plans and robust security measures. We support the emotional and mental health of students and staff by providing services and proactive initiatives to foster overall well-being and a sense of belonging.

If you see someone
without a **smile**,
give them one of
yours. – Dolly Parton

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Immunization: State law requires that before a child starts school, the parent or guardian must show compliance with state immunization requirements. Students who have incomplete or insufficient immunization records will be excluded from school starting on the annual state-designated Exclusion Day in February. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/immunization.

Exemptions: A parent may seek a medical or non-medical exemption from one or more required immunizations. Learn more: bit.ly/immunizationexemptions.

Student health care: All 4J students have access to two health centers located at Churchill and North Eugene high schools. Both health centers are staffed with a nurse practitioner, a health assistant and a mental health therapist. Same-day appointments for physicals and illness care are usually available. Churchill: 541-790-5227 | North Eugene: 541-790-4445. Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/healthcare-providers.

Special health issues: Parents or guardians of students with health issues who may require health care during the school day (e.g. diabetes, asthma, seizures or severe allergies) should contact their school two weeks prior to the start of school.



District Directory

QUICK LINKS

District Website:
4j.lane.edu

General Inquiries:
4j.lane.edu/letstalk

Boundaries:
4j.lane.edu/boundaries

Bus Stops:
4j.lane.edu/busroutes

Communications:
4j.lane.edu/communications

Complaints:
4j.lane.edu/complaints

Curriculum:
4j.lane.edu/curriculum

Enrollment:
4j.lane.edu/enroll

Equity Resources:
4j.lane.edu/equity/programs

Eugene Education Foundation:
eefflane.org

Health Services:
4j.lane.edu/health

Human Resources:
4j.lane.edu/hr

Jobs:
4j.lane.edu/jobs

Legal Rights & Opt-Out Forms:
4j.lane.edu/annual-notice

Meals:
4j.lane.edu/nutrition

Mental Health Resources:
4j.lane.edu/mental-health-resources

Natives Program:
4j.lane.edu/nativesprogram

ParentSquare:
4j.lane.edu/parentsquare

Testing Opt Out:
4j.lane.edu/testing-opt-out

Title IX:
4j.lane.edu/title-ix

Report a Safety Concern:
safeoregon.com/report-a-tip

School Board:
4j.lane.edu/board

School Calendar:
4j.lane.edu/calendar

School Choice:
4j.lane.edu/choice

Schools:
4j.lane.edu/schools

Special Education:
4j.lane.edu/student-services

Staff Directory:
4j.lane.edu/directory

Student Rights & Responsibilities:
4j.lane.edu/srrh

Tech Help:
4j.lane.edu/tech-help

Transcripts:
4j.lane.edu/student-record-requests

Transportation:
4j.lane.edu/transportation

Volunteer:
4j.lane.edu/volunteers

PHONE NUMBERS

Main District Line 541-790-7700

Alternative Education Options 541-790-6850

Boundaries (Attendance Area) 541-790-7712

Communications 541-790-7734

English Language Development (ELD) 541-790-6872

Eugene Education Foundation 541-790-7744

Eugene Online Academy 541-731-7563

Facilities Management 541-790-7400

Financial Services 541-790-7670

Food and Nutrition Services 541-790-7656

Health Services 541-790-8102

Homeless Student Services
(McKinney-Vento Program) 541-790-6888

Human Resources (Personnel) 541-790-7670

Instructional Services 541-790-7550

International Students 541-790-7553

Job Opportunities 541-790-7670

KRVM Radio 541-790-6686

NATIVES Program 541-790-5900

Records/Transcripts 541-790-7712

Registrar 541-790-7712

Safe Routes to School 541-790-7539

School Board Information 541-790-7706

School Choice 541-790-7553

Schools, General Information 541-790-7550

Student Services Department
(Special Education) 541-790-7800

Speech and Language Program 541-790-6875

Superintendent's Office 541-790-7706

Talented and Gifted (TAG) 541-790-5928

Technology 541-790-7770

Title I Programs 541-790-7578

Title IX 541-790-7671

Transfers and Exchanges 541-790-7553

Transportation/Bus Routes 541-790-7474

Volunteer Information 541-790-7537



SEPT 6	First day: Kindergarten, grades 6 & 9
6-15	Kindergarten Smart Start. See details below
7	First day: Grades 1-5, 7-8, 10-12
OCT 13	No school — Professional development
NOV 9	No school — Mid-term grading
10	No school — Veterans Day
20-22	No school — Parent/teacher conferences (varies by school)
23-24	No school — Thanksgiving Break
DEC 18-29	No school — Winter Break
JAN 1	No school — Winter Break
2	No school — Professional development
15	No school — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
FEB 1	No school — Semester grading
2	No school — Transition day
5	Second semester begins
19	No school — Presidents Day (Possible hazardous weather makeup day)
MAR 25-29	No school — Spring Break
APR 1	No school — Professional development
12	No school — Mid-term grading
MAY 27	No school — Memorial Day
JUN 7	Elementary only: No school — grading
13	Possible last day for students*
17-18 & beyond	Possible hazardous weather makeup days*

KINDERGARTEN SMART START SCHEDULE

All kindergarten students	Wed 9/6
Kinders with last names A-L only	Thurs 9/7 Mon 9/11
Kinders with last names M-Z only	Fri 9/8 Tues 9/12
All kindergarten students	Wed 9/13
No kindergarten — Parent/teacher conferences	Thur-Fri 9/14-15
Regular school schedule resumes	Mon 9/18

Learn more: 4j.lane.edu/kindergarten

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June 2024

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<div>★ FIRST/LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</div> <div>◆ START OF SEMESTER</div> <div>■ NO SCHOOL</div> <div>□ NO SCHOOL — Elementary only</div> <div>● NO SCHOOL — Parent/teacher conferences (schedule varies by school)</div> <div>■ POSSIBLE MAKEUP DAY</div>	
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***Makeup days:** Please be aware that this calendar may change. If schools are closed for reasons such as hazardous weather ("snow days"), makeup days may be scheduled.

More info: For other calendar formats and employee work calendars, please visit 4j.lane.edu/calendars.

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