



## CONFEDERATION OF OREGON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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Dear Colleague,

Having recently retired after 26 years as a secondary school administrator in our state, I'm all too familiar with how critical an effective student leadership program is in shaping positive school climate. The Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) and the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) are the sponsoring groups to Oregon's most effective student leadership organization, Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC).

OASC has been an active, non-profit, member association since 1949, and secondary school administrators have partnered with OASC to support their mission; *Committed to Leadership Development with a Vision for Service, Involvement, and Action.*

As an OASC member school (\$60 for middle schools and \$75 for high schools), you'll benefit from the following resources:

- ✓ Activity Advisor/Leadership Teacher trainings, support, and networking.
- ✓ Building connections to improve school climate and student achievement.
- ✓ Bi-monthly newsletters containing curriculum, current events of statewide school activities and ideas for service-learning projects.
- ✓ Access to resources for teachers of leadership.
- ✓ Resources for students, student leaders and activity advisors.
- ✓ Strategies to connect your students to your school.
- ✓ Leadership conferences for middle and high school students and their advisors in the fall.
- ✓ Week-long summer leadership camp for middle and high school students.

We know that student activities are more than just poster making and after game dances. Students have the power to influence the culture and climate in their schools and communities through involvement and engagement. Share these facts with students, parents, and community members whenever possible.

- Participation in at least one student activity decreases the likelihood that a student will drop out of school.
- Student activities set students up to make better choices.
- Participation in student activities alleviates depression.
- Participation in student activities is linked to higher scores on geography, history, math, reading, and science tests. (source Alliance for Student Activities [www.A4SA.org](http://www.A4SA.org))

So, what are you waiting for? Join today, and become a member of Oregon's premiere student leadership association, the Oregon Association of Student Councils.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kris J. Olsen'.

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