From the Superintendent:

Share Your Insights: 4J Vision 20/20 Survey

*Community input on strengths, challenges, priorities for schools is first step in strategic planning process*

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Dr. Gustavo Balderas

Eugene School District 4J is looking to the future. I invite you to join us.

Earlier this month I let you know that a strategic planning process and opportunities to provide input would begin soon. That time has come.

The district is launching 4J Vision 20/20, a strategic visioning and planning process to develop a roadmap for the next few years. The outcome will be a 3- to 5-year guiding plan that will reflect what our community wants our school system to look like and where limited resources should be targeted to best support student success.

The first step is gathering input from parents, students, staff and the community. We want to hear your thoughts on the strengths, challenges and priorities for the future of our community’s public schools.
An online survey is open March 14–April 1. Community meetings will be held on March 30 in English and on March 31 in Spanish.

A Visioning Committee has been established, composed of community stakeholders—parents, teachers, education administrators, business leaders, and other community members. After the community weighs in, the Visioning Committee will engage to develop a vision and plan for the school district, to be presented to the school board and the public in fall 2016.

Community input is critical to the success of this planning process. I invite your input and hope you will take the time to share your insights and priorities.

The survey is available online through April 1. The online survey may take about 10 to 20 minutes, depending on how many comments you choose to include. [www.surveymonkey.com/r/4Jvision2020](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4Jvision2020)

I also invite you to share your thoughts in person at the community meetings on March 30 and March 31 (in Spanish). Community updates and opportunities to provide feedback also will be offered throughout the planning process this spring.

Your input is an investment in our schools' and students' future. Thank you.

ACE Awards: Nominate Today

Schools in the News
Deadline extended to today for award program honoring school district staff, volunteers

Who is your champion in education? Nominate them for the 2016 ACE (A Champion in Education) Awards!

Nominations for outstanding 4J teachers, administrators, classified employees and volunteers may be submitted online through today, March 17, at www.theaceawards.org.

The ACE Awards are made possible by the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce, Oregon Community Credit Union, and other local businesses. We thank the local business community for their support of quality public education.

Superintendent viewpoint (ICYMI): 4J superintendent shares his story, urges community to weigh in on schools

SPACE! We just can't get over how slick this Arts & Technology Academy student project is

International studies: North Eugene High School students tackle global issues at Eurasian Conference

Bond update: Howard Elementary School nearing completion

Argumentative adolescents: Eugene students to compete at National Speech and Debate Tournament

Community educators (ICYMI): 99-year-old visitor shares wisdom, perspective with students with special needs (+video)

Cello is mellow: BEST after-school academic enrichment and support program helps young 4J students strike a chord with strings education

Bond dollars staying local: Local contractors awarded school construction contracts:

• John Hyland Construction will build new Arts & Technology Academy

• Wildish Construction will

We Want You in 4J!
The Eugene School District has a long history of school choice within district schools. But did you know that families who live outside of the district also may request a transfer to 4J? We welcome families who live outside of the 4J boundary to apply to enroll in the district through a process called open enrollment. Applications are due Friday, April 1, at 5 p.m.

Lotteries are held each spring to determine the order in which requests are granted for available openings.

**Apply now**

**Transfer to Eugene 4J**

**School Choice Within 4J**

**District Events Calendar**

**Coming up in 4J:**

- 3/14–4/1 4J Vision 20/20 survey
- 3/16 School board meeting
- 3/21–25 Spring break
- 3/30 Audit & finance committee
- 3/30 4J Vision 20/20 input forum
- 3/31 4J Vision 20/20 Spanish forum
- 3/31 Equity committee meeting
- 4/1 Open enrollment applications due
- 4/6 School board meeting
- 4/19 ACE Awards ceremony
- 4/20 School board meeting
- 4/28 Equity committee meeting

**I want to:**

- Get the school calendar
- Look into school food
- Find my school bus stop
- See 4J job openings
Do you know someone who should join the 4J team?

Now hiring:

- Advanced math teachers
- Language immersion teachers
- Summer school teachers and support staff
- Principals – Churchill High School and Early College & Career Options
- Assistant principals – middle school and high school
- Middle school secretary
- Coaches – football, wrestling, cheer, tennis, track, volleyball
- Special education instructional assistant substitutes
- Substitute teachers
- Bus drivers
- Seasonal groundskeepers and roofers
- ...and more!

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