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NEW OREGON PTA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PORTLAND, OR, JUNE 2, 2005 - Effective immediately, the new Board of Directors for Oregon PTA assumes office. They were elected at the annual Oregon PTA Convention in April. The new BOD members are as follows:

President - Beth Nead, Portland

President-elect – Anita Olsen, Portland

VP for Leadership – Victoria Guillebeau, Portland

VP for Legislation - Andi Jordan, Lake Oswego

VP for Membership – Sharon Meigh-Chang, Portland

VP for Programs – Sandy Bell, Oregon City

Secretary - Patty Kuehl, Portland

Region Directors:

Region 1 Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill Counties
Wendy Taunton, Hillsboro

Region 2 Portland Public Schools
Eunice Mitchell, Portland

Region 3 Benton, Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Polk Counties
Michelle Wilkinson, Lebanon

Region 5 East Multnomah and Hood River Counties
Jessie Britton, Gresham

Region 6 Coos, Douglas and Lane Counties
Janet Beckman, Springfield

Region 8 Curry, Jackson and Josephine Counties
Leona Cone, Brookings

Region 10 Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Wheeler
Counties
Kris Boley, Bend

In announcing Oregon PTA's new BOD and the agenda for the coming year,

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President Beth Nead said, "Today's children will be the first generation with a shorter life expectancy than their parents had. And the time they do have will be compromised by illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease. But there is hope - we can stop the epidemic of childhood obesity. Oregon PTA is ready and willing to help parents and educators work together to combat this public health problem."

ABOUT OREGON PTA - Oregon PTA, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, is the largest and oldest child advocacy organization in the state, representing 23,000 members and 237 local units across the state. For a century, PTA members have used their collective voice to act on behalf of every child of Oregon. PTAs continue to advocate and educate the importance of Parent Involvement, and proudly give back 98% of their proceeds directly to their communities.

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