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September 19, Portland, OR – Oregon PTA and the McMinnville School District announce the affiliation of all nine McMinnville schools with Oregon PTA. Parent organizations at Columbus, Cook, Grandhaven, Memorial, Newby and Wascher Elementary Schools, Duniway and Patton Middle Schools, and McMinnville High School will receive charters of association with Oregon PTA. As a recognized constituent association of Oregon PTA, these groups are also recognized by National PTA. A brief ceremony will take place during the September coordinating council meeting Wednesday, September 22, at the McMinnville School District offices, 1500 NE Baker, 12:00 noon.

“The addition of PTA to our schools will provide parents with a whole new set of resources, ideas and support they could not previously access,” said McMinnville superintendent Dr. Maryalice Russell. “We are very excited to partner with Oregon PTA and look forward to building strong functioning PTA units at each of our schools.”

“Oregon PTA thanks the McMinnville School District for their support and assistance in helping each of these schools start a PTA. Parents and administrators working together can only make schools and communities stronger. Now the entire McMinnville School District joins us in speaking for **every child with one voice**,” said Beth Nead, Oregon PTA President.

Oregon PTA, chartered to National PTA in 1905, is the state’s oldest and largest child advocacy organization, with over 235 active units representing over 23,000 members statewide. Local affiliates of Oregon PTA are self-governing organizations that work on a variety of issues effecting school children in their local areas as well as statewide issues.

With over 6000 students, the McMinnville School District serves the two rapidly growing communities of Lafayette and McMinnville in Yamhill County. The district is averaging an annual student growth rate of approximately 2.5%.

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 97% of their proceeds directly to their communities. Membership in Oregon PTA is open to anyone who is concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children. For more information on Oregon PTA membership, please contact the state office at (503) 234-3928, or visit the Oregon PTA website at www.oregonpta.org.