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OUT OF THE FRYING PAN, INTO THE FIRE: I'M RUNNING FOR SCHOOL BOARD!

The Salem-Keizer 24J School Board is at the heart of policy decisions in **Oregon's second largest school district**. This complex district serves over 40,000 students attending 45 elementary, 10 middle, 8 high, and 4 charter schools.

The demographics - African America: 1.2%, American Indian: 1.6%, Asian/Pacific Islander: 4.1%, Hispanic: 30.4%, Multi-Ethnic: 6.5%, No Response: 3.1%, and White: 53.1% create an enriching and challenging class room for teachers and administrators alike. *(Based on enrollment as of December 5, 2008, information gathered from registration cards filled out by parents.)* Of these 40,000 plus students just fewer than 7,000 are classified as limited English proficient (17% of all students) with more than **29 languages spoken**. Special education encompasses 13% of all students, and 10% of all students are classified as **talented and gifted students**.

Salem-Keizer has 26 schools listed as receiving Title I funds. These are federal dollars that fund programs that assist children who live in **low-income areas**. 52% or just over 20,000 students participate in the Free and Reduced Meal Program.

Salem-Keizer Public Schools is **one of the largest employers** in the Salem/Keizer area with nearly 4,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees. All of these students and employees are housed in 77 different buildings covering approximately **5.15 million square feet**.

The districts mission statement: *"In partnership with the community, we ensure that each student will have the essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be a lifelong learner, a contributing citizen, and a productive worker in a changing and increasingly diverse world"* is the charge of our elected officials. Two new School Board members, and two returning members, will take office in the midst of a serious economic downturn, and will face the possibility of significant cuts in the next budget cycle.

Please join us at noon, **Monday, April 13** at our Salem City Club **School Board Candidates Forum**. Six candidates are running for School Board in the May 19, 2009 election.

Zone 1 Candidates - Gregg Dal Ponte and Chris Brantley:



Gregg Dal Ponte: Gregg is Deputy Director/Administrator for the Motor Carrier Transportation Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation. Information: <http://dalponte4schoolboard.info/>



Chris Brantley. Chris served as Principal for Stayton Middle School for eleven years before retiring in 2002 from the North Santiam School Zone. Information: <http://chrisbrantleyforschoolboard.org/index.html>

Zone 3 Candidates - Patrick Sieng and Nancy MacMorris-Adix:



Patrick Sieng. Patrick is Chief of Staff to State Representative Jean Cowan (D-Newport.) Information: <http://www.patricksieng.com/>



Nancy MacMorris-Adix. Nancy is a certified Nurse Midwife and a co-owner of her practice, Salem Nurse Midwives. Information: <http://nancyforschools.org/>

Zone 5 Candidate - Rick Kimball:



Rick Kimball. Rick is Director of Technical Services for Truitt Brothers, Inc. Rick was elected to the School Board in 2005 and is running unopposed this year. Information: <http://www.salemkeizer.org/content/school-board>

Zone 7 Candidate - Ron Jones:



Ron Jones. Ron is a retired manager with the State of Oregon, with 32 years experience working with the ODOT. Ron was elected to the School Board in 2005 and is running unopposed this year. Information: <http://www.salemkeizer.org/content/school-board>

Come and be part of this important community discussion as we hear from these six candidates on Monday, April 13th at Mission Mill. For lunch reservations email salemcityclub@aol.com or call 503.589.2975 before noon Thursday, April 9, 2009. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us - there is no charge to attend the program at noon. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, and directions to the event, please go to www.salemcityclub.com.

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When: Monday, April 13, 2009; 11:40 lunch | Noon Program
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