



# Important Message

## **SKPS Superintendent**

Dear SKPS Community,

As you may have heard, the Oregon Education Association is organizing a "Red for Ed Day of Action" in Salem beginning at 1:30 p.m. on May 8. Across the state, thousands of teachers are participating in this event, and thousands are expected to come to Salem.

**Salem-Keizer Public Schools will be open on May 8 but will dismiss 2.5 hours early.**

We made this decision because we have a limited pool of substitutes and anticipated significant staff participation would force a district-wide closure that would extend the school year into the Monday of a following week. There will be no PM Preschool. With early dismissal, students will still receive breakfast and lunch services, and afterschool partners also will be able to offer extended care. Transportation will run on the modified schedule.

**The following activities across the district will continue as planned:** AP/IB testing, kindergarten orientation, athletics and extra-curricular activities, outdoor school, and most previously scheduled field trips. All of these activities will occur at their previously scheduled times unless you are notified directly by your student's school.

We came to this decision in collaboration with Salem Keizer Education Association and with the support of the Association of Salem Keizer Education Support Professionals.

Thank you for your support of our students and our educators as we continue to work with our legislators at the Capitol to support funding for strong public schools. If you would like to view our current proposed SKPS budget, please visit our district website.



Thank you,

Christy Perry  
Superintendent

**Details about Early Release on Wednesday, May 8**

**Start Time:**

**Dismissal:**

**If you have any questions regarding dismissal or school operations, please contact our school office.**

**Our School Phone Number:**