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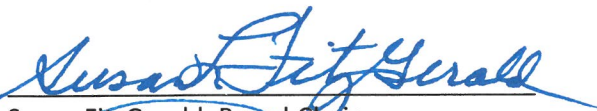
Justification for 4" Grade Reduced Instructional Time

On April 16, 2026, Governor Tina Kotek issued Executive Order 26-06 to protect and restore student instructional time in Oregon schools. The Executive Order establishes the 2024-2025 school year as the baseline for student instructional time and requires school districts to either restore any reduced instructional time beginning in the 2027-2028 school year or provide a board-approved public justification for why instructional time will not be restored.

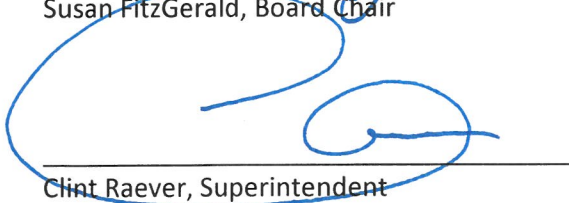
Yamhill-Carlton School District provided 173 student instructional days during the 2024-2025 school year. The 2025-2026 calendar included 172 instructional days, resulting in a reduction of one instructional day. The 2027-2028 calendar will restore this instructional day, returning the district to the 2024-2025 baseline.

As part of the district's grade-level reconfiguration approved by the YCSD School Board, fourth grade students will return to the elementary school beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. To align the elementary schedule across all grade levels and support efficient building operations, the fourth-grade instructional day will be 20 minutes shorter than it was during the 2024-2025 baseline year. As a result, fourth grade will have reduced 66 hours of instructional time compared to the established baseline. The total number of hours 4th grade will be offered in the 2027-2028 school year will be 1101.

On August 11th, the YCSD School Board approved a public justification for the reduced instructional time for fourth grade only, recognizing that the reduction is the result of the approved grade-level restructuring and the operational alignment of the elementary school schedule.



Susan FitzGerald, Board Chair



Clint Raever, Superintendent