

Corvallis School District 509J
Resolution 21-0101
UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

**RESOLUTION TO THE OREGON LEGISLATURE AND THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO CREATE AN EQUITABLE, COMPREHENSIVE, AFFORDABLE,
HIGH QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM SERVING
EVERYONE IN OREGON**

WHEREAS, the ability of students to learn and benefit from classroom experience depends on being healthy; and,

WHEREAS, being healthy depends on access to comprehensive health care; and,

WHEREAS, many Oregon children lack access to comprehensive health care because they are uninsured¹ or underinsured²; and

WHEREAS, one in three parents, guardians, and caregivers may have unreliable access to health care because they are uninsured³ or underinsured⁴, resulting in suffering for their children in a multitude of ways; and,

WHEREAS, the cost per capita of our current health care system is twice that of other countries because of privatized health care as well as avoidable and unnecessary administrative overhead inherent to our complex and confusing array of private health insurance plans and changing eligibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the District as an employer must sacrifice teaching positions and programs in order to meet the high, unpredictable, and ever-increasing cost of health care premiums for employees; and,

WHEREAS, Health care has historically been used as a tool to negatively impact people's lives based on their identities and socioeconomic statuses. As such, access to comprehensive health care is part of interrupting other systems of oppression in the lives of those in our community by creating communities of care that center health and wellness. While health and wellness can have different meanings depending on one's lived experiences, access to comprehensive health care is a major component of how one experiences life.

WHEREAS, O.R.S.414.018(1) reads, "It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly to achieve the goals of universal access to an adequate level of high-quality health care at an affordable cost," and the legislature approved O.R.S. Chapter 629, 2019 creating a Universal Health Care Task Force to accomplish these goals; and,

WHEREAS, a majority of Oregonians favor a publicly funded health care system for Oregon⁵,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the 509 J School District of Corvallis, Oregon that the District urges:

1. The Oregon State Legislature to create a publicly funded universal health care system.
2. The United States Congress to pass legislation enabling states to create a publicly funded universal health care system.
3. The United States Congress to create a publicly funded universal health care system.

Adopted this day: 02-18-2021

Signed:



Sami Al-Abdrabbuh
Board Chair

Attested:



Ryan Noss
Superintendent

Citations and References

1. In 2018, 33,000 children in Oregon had no health insurance. [Modern Healthcare, October 30, 2019](#)
2. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is less comprehensive than Medicaid. [Kaiser Family Foundation Health Reform 2014](#)
3. 10.1% of Oregonians 19-64 y/o were uninsured in 2019. [Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts](#)
4. One-third of Oregon families in 2017 were underinsured and therefore unable to access comprehensive health care. [Oregon Health Insurance Survey 2017](#)
 - The annual deductible is greater than 5% of their annual household income, or
 - Income is 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) or lower and their out-of-pocket medical expenses exceed 5% of their annual income, or
 - Income is above 200% FPL and their out-of-pocket medical expenses exceed 10% of their annual income.
5. Elway Research Institute [Poll of Oregonians](#), 2019
6. HR 5010: State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2019 – [Summary](#).
7. A national universal health care plan is the ultimate goal but may take longer to achieve than a state-based publicly funded universal health care system.