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## **Commissioners Issue Proclamation for School Choice Week January 23-29, 2022**

(Douglas County, Ore.) – Douglas County Commissioners Tim Freeman, Chris Boice and Tom Kress issued a proclamation in honor of School Choice Week during their weekly business meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The proclamation recognizes the important role that effective education plays in preparing students in Douglas County to be successful and productive adults.

Commissioner Boice read the proclamation via a recorded video presentation. The video includes a list of local school choices and photos of Commissioner Boice visiting local schools and presenting the school choice proclamations to staff and students. A copy of the school choice proclamation video presentation can be viewed [here](#).

While the school choice movement in the United States essentially began in 1954, with the land-mark [Brown vs. Board of Education case](#), the current [national school choice program](#) started in 1998. However, Oregon established a program in 1991, called [School Choice for Oregon](#). According to [online sources](#), the School Choice Movement comprises of a wide array of programs aiming to give families an opportunity to choose the school their children should attend. School choice does not give preference to one form of schooling over another. School choice program offers open enrollment laws allowing students to attend other public school, private school or charter schools. The program gives parents the choice between tuition-free public schools and private schools that charge tuition. School choice movement has sought to increase parental involvement in education. Nowadays, more states offer real choices to parents in how their children are to be educated. Parents and communities benefit by understanding the choices available. For more information about the school choice movement in Oregon [click here](#).

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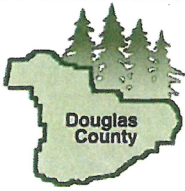
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(Proclamation Attached)

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# PROCLAMATION

## Douglas County School Choice Week

Douglas County, Oregon  
January 23 – January 29, 2022

**Whereas**, all children in Douglas County should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

**Whereas**, Douglas County recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Douglas County to be successful adults; and,

**Whereas**, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Douglas County; and,

**Whereas**, Douglas County is home to a multitude of effective, high-quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

**Whereas**, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

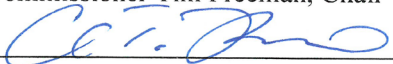
**Whereas** Douglas County has many high-quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

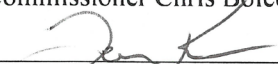
**Whereas**, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

**Now, Therefore**, We, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize January 23 – January 29, 2022 as Douglas County School Choice Week, and we call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

DATED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2022

  
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Commissioner Tim Freeman, Chair

  
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Commissioner Chris Boice

  
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Commissioner Tom Kress

