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School Board Election Voter Guide

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May 20th, 2025

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Who is APANO Action Fund?

APANO Action Fund (APANO AF) is a statewide grassroots organization, uniting Asians and the communities we serve to achieve social justice.

We envision a just world where Asians and communities who share our aspirations and struggles have the power, resources, and voice to determine our own futures, and where we work in solidarity to drive political, social, economic, and cultural change.

What is our endorsement process?

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Candidates interested in an endorsement from APANO AF will first complete our endorsement application..

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The Policy, Political, Advocacy and Civic Engagement (PPACE) Team reviews applications and facilitates endorsement committee interviews. The endorsement committee participants are APANO AF members, staff, and Board Members.

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Endorsement interviews are conducted and committee members vote to determine who earns an endorsement from APANO AF.

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Endorsed candidates are supported by APANO AF during the election through various campaign contributions, field, and communications support.





What if I can't vote?



Share information with voters in your community and encourage them to vote.



Connect with us throughout the year to work, organize, and build community power.



Share this guide with your classmates, community, neighbors, and friends.



Follow our social media @apanoactionfund on Facebook, X/Twitter and, Instagram to stay up to date.



And join us this election in calling and texting at least 10 family members and friends to get out the vote!

Endorsed Candidates



Below, find information about the candidates APANO Action Fund has endorsed for this upcoming election.

Dr. Vân Truong

BEAVERTON SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 1

Dr. Vân Truong brings over 30 years of experience in public education to the table—as a paraprofessional, teacher, and administrator—she is deeply committed to equity and community-centered leadership. A proud Vietnamese-American parent and grandparent, Dr. Truong is running for Beaverton School Board to ensure that every student, especially those from historically oppressed communities, has access to safe, inclusive, and culturally

responsive schools. Her leadership as a former Interim Assistant Superintendent focused on closing opportunity gaps and advocating for systemic change. We believe Dr. Truong’s experience and values make her a powerful advocate for the diverse students and families of Beaverton.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Syed Qasim

BEAVERTON SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 5

Syed Qasim is a committed community leader and parent running for Beaverton School Board, Zone 5. With a background in coalition-building through roles like Co-Chair of the Beaverton Climate Action Task Force and member of the Inclusive Housing Cohort, Syed brings a track record of thoughtful leadership and collaborative

problem-solving. His platform centers on increasing community access, advancing climate justice, and fostering transparency—all grounded in his identity as a Pakistani Muslim American and dedication to equity for all students and families.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Marcus LeGrand

BEND LA-PINE SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 2

Marcus LeGrand is a dedicated advocate for equity and student success, running for re-election to the Bend-La Pine School Board. As a current board member, co-founder of **The Father’s Group**, and member of several advisory councils, Marcus has worked tirelessly to support underserved communities, elevate student voices, and improve access to

education. His continued leadership centers on student safety, academic achievement, and ensuring every child can thrive in an inclusive and supportive environment.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Ross Tomlin

BEND LA-PINE SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 6

Ross Tomlin is a seasoned educator and former college president running for Bend-La Pine School Board, Zone 6. With over two decades of leadership in education, Ross brings a deep commitment to equity, student-centered learning, and hands-on career and technical education. His

collaborative approach and dedication to inclusive policy-making make him a strong advocate for creating opportunities where every student can thrive.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



William Mohring

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 3

William Mohring is a dedicated public servant and current Centennial School Board member running for Zone 3. With professional experience in real estate, community relations, and hospitality, William brings a collaborative and equity-focused

approach to school leadership. He is committed to academic excellence, safe and inclusive schools, and meaningful community engagement—ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Luhui Whitebear

CORVALLIS SCHOOL
BOARD, SEAT 4

Luhui Whitebear is a powerful voice for equity and inclusion, running for re-election to the Corvallis School Board. A longtime advocate and community leader, Luhui brings deep experience from her roles on the school board, the OSBA Board of Directors, and as President of the Oregon School

Board Members of Color Caucus. Her leadership is rooted in a lifelong commitment to uplifting oppressed voices, advancing educational equity, and defending public education for all students.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Shauna Tominey

CORVALLIS SCHOOL
BOARD, SEAT 5

Shauna Tominey is a deeply committed Corvallis School Board member and lifelong education advocate running for re-election to Position 5. A professor, researcher, and parenting education coordinator, Shauna brings unmatched experience in child development, equity-centered policy, and community

collaboration. Her leadership is rooted in transparency, compassion, and a vision for a school system that is inclusive, trauma-informed, and truly responsive to the needs of all students and families.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Bernie Wang

CORVALLIS SCHOOL
BOARD, SEAT 7

Bernie Wang is a trusted leader and dedicated Corvallis School Board member running for re-election. With a focus on equity, inclusion, and student safety, Bernie has championed policies that protect student rights, close opportunity gaps, and support

comprehensive education for all. He brings a steady, principled voice to the board—committed to community collaboration, accountability, and making schools a place where every student can thrive, regardless of background.



Devon Lawson

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD, ZONE 3

Devon Lawson is a lifelong education advocate and reform-minded leader committed to transparency, equity, and student success. As a queer candidate with deep experience in policy, campaign organizing, and community governance, Devon has co-authored legislation, served on the LCC Bond Oversight Committee, and pushed for student voice on school boards.

Their platform focuses on modernizing education infrastructure, expanding career pathways, and ensuring every student—especially those from underserved communities—has the tools to thrive. Devon’s bold, inclusive leadership is exactly what Lane Community College needs.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Richard Andrew Vazquez

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD, ZONE 4

Richard Andrew Vasquez is a committed public servant and former college trustee running for the Lane Community College Board. With a strong focus on diversity, inclusion, and educational equity, Richard brings deep experience in governance, community service,

and student advocacy. As a Native American candidate and longtime local volunteer, he is dedicated to expanding access, boosting enrollment, and ensuring college remains affordable and inclusive for all.



Erica Fuller

MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE
DISTRICT (MESD), POSITION 2

Erica Fuller is a bold and visionary leader running for Multnomah Education Service District, Position 2. As a neurodivergent, disabled, Black and Indigenous queer woman, Erica brings an unwavering commitment to accessible education, authentic

leadership, and youth empowerment. A former Centennial School Board director, she leads with empathy, innovation, and lived experience—fighting for every student to be seen, heard, and supported.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Jessica Arzate

MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE
DISTRICT (MESD), POSITION 4

Jessica Arzate is a seasoned education leader and social justice advocate running for re-election to the Multnomah Education Service District, Zone 4. A proud Mexican American and long-serving MESD board member, Jessica brings deep experience in

public policy, equity-driven leadership, and coalition building. She’s committed to strengthening culturally responsive education, increasing educator diversity, and expanding trauma-informed supports for students with the highest needs.



Samantha Tamteng

NORTH CLACKAMAS SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 5

Samantha Tamteng is a longtime community advocate and equity leader running for North Clackamas School Board, Zone 5. With over 20 years of local engagement as a parent, volunteer, and equity advisor, Samantha brings deep experience in inclusive leadership, financial oversight, and building bridges

across communities. As a multiracial candidate committed to amplifying underrepresented voices, she is focused on removing barriers, supporting diverse educators, and ensuring every student has what they need to succeed.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Rashelle Chase-Miller

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 4

Rashelle Chase-Miller is a seasoned educator, community organizer, and third-generation Portland Public Schools alum running for PPS School Board, Zone 4. A former teacher and statewide literacy leader, Rashelle brings deep experience, a track record

of bold advocacy, and a clear vision for equity, inclusion, and academic excellence. She's ready to fight for literacy, uplift diverse voices, and build the culturally responsive schools every Portland student deserves.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Jorge Sanchez Bautista

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 5

Jorge Sanchez Bautista is a dynamic, youth-driven leader running for Portland Public Schools Board, Zone 5. As a queer, Mayan-Mexican former PPS student and current member of the Oregon State Board of Education, Jorge brings lived experience, statewide perspective, and a deep

commitment to equity, accountability, and community voice. His campaign is powered by a bold vision to make PPS more inclusive, transparent, and responsive to the students and families it serves.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Stephanie Engelsman

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD, ZONE 6

Stephanie Engelsman is a dedicated public defender, PPS parent, and fierce advocate for public education running for Portland Public Schools Board, Zone 6. An immigrant and mother of three, Stephanie brings a sharp legal mind and a passionate, community-rooted commitment to fully funding

schools, supporting teachers, and defending public education from systemic disinvestment. She's running to ensure every student feels safe, seen, and supported in the classroom and beyond.

Learn more at [the campaign site](#).



Heather Quaas Annsa

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL
BOARD, POSITION 2**

Heather Quaas-Annsa is a passionate advocate, experienced board member, and LGBTQ+ leader running for re-election to the Springfield Public Schools Board, Position 2. As a parent, nonprofit leader, and champion for educational equity,

Heather brings lived experience and deep community ties to her student-centered leadership. She's committed to inclusive policies, supporting educators, and ensuring every student has the tools and opportunities they need to thrive.



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