



# VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Vernonia School Board Names Darla Waite-Larkin Next District Superintendent

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Vernonia, OR — The Vernonia School District Board of Education has named Darla Waite-Larkin as the next superintendent. Waite-Larkin will officially begin leading the district on July 1, 2026.

Waite-Larkin brings more than 30 years of experience in rural education. Her background includes leadership as both an elementary and middle school principal, along with central office experience and expertise in special education, English language development, and instructional systems. She has also contributed to strategic planning, district visioning, contract negotiations, and instructional improvement initiatives. Passionate about public education and student success, Waite-Larkin emphasizes integrity, collaboration and a student-centered approach, and is committed to serving as an advocate for every learner in the Vernonia School District.

Waite-Larkin holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Northwest Nazarene University and a bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies from Eastern Oregon University.

Board members worked with [Grundmeyer Leader Services](#) to conduct the search.

