

## VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

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The Vernonia School Board is pleased to announce and welcome Dr. Jim Helmen as the new superintendent of the school district effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

According to board chair, Stacey Pelster, "Dr. Helmen is a very competent and talented individual that embodies the skills and character traits our district desires in a Superintendent, to propel our district forward into its next phase of growth. We are extremely excited to be joining in partnership with him as we take this step for the future of the Vernonia School District."



Dr. Helmen currently serves as the Director of Student Services and Innovation for the Clatskanie (OR) school district since July 2020. Prior to his current position, he held the positions of middle/high school principal and assistant principal from 2015 to 2020. Dr. Helmen received his Educational Specialist (EdS) degree from Lewis and Clark college in Educational Leadership.

"It is an honor to be selected as the Vernonia School District Superintendent and becoming a part of the Vernonia community. I look forward to serving our students, staff, and community in building on the current progress of the district. I am excited to work together to ensure that ALL students are prepared for life, post-secondary education/training, and career paths they may choose. I strongly believe a quality education is the key to success for all of our students and our community. Go Loggers!"

The Vernonia school board is pleased to have Dr. Helmen as our new superintendent and look forward to many successful years working together.

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