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WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE JOINS REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Portland, OR—Patty Wood, School Board Member Representative from the Kelso School District in Washington state, has been named to the [Board of Directors](#) of Education Northwest in Portland, Oregon. Wood is one of 21 directors governing the private, nonprofit organization that works to transform teaching and learning in the Northwest region and beyond.

“I am very pleased to be joining the team at Education Northwest,” says Wood. “This organization is a terrific platform for furthering and promoting a passion of mine: quality education for our youth through strong communities and public schools.”

Wood has been involved with the Kelso School Board since 2003, serving as both the president and vice president during that time. She is active in the Washington State School Directors Association, currently serving on the policy and bylaws committee and the trust lands task force, and volunteers for several community organizations. Wood holds a bachelor’s degree from Central Washington University in Ellensburg and a master’s degree from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Patty Wood joins other district superintendents, chief state school officers, teachers, business representatives, and parents in helping to guide the work of Education Northwest. That work has included partnering with the Road Map Project in King County to support English language learners, helping to prepare volunteers to work on antipoverty initiatives in Washington communities through the VISTA program, and conducting an evaluation of Washington Striving Readers, an initiative to deliver and study intensive reading interventions for struggling middle school students.

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