Chalkboard Project: Listening to Oregonians and putting their ideas into action

2004

March 2004:
Chalkboard conducts the largest, most comprehensive statewide poll ever on public education

June 2004:
Chalkboard formally launches with four events statewide

October 2004:
Chalkboard commissions in-depth research on educational "best practices," and gathers input from more than 40 statewide focus groups

November 2004:
Chalkboard invites citizens to an interactive Web site to share ideas and information

2005

January 2005:
Community meetings in all 36 counties gather feedback from citizens on five key areas for improving schools

June 2005:
Chalkboard shares long-term action plan in four events statewide

July 2005:
Specialized workgroups begin months of meetings that result in key recommendations to enhance educator quality and improve districts' financial stability and accountability

December 2005:
Chalkboard partners with Intel to provide technology grants to districts to help parents connect online with teachers and other school staff

2006

January 2006:
Chalkboard launches Employer Challenge to encourage greater business engagement in public schools

February 2006:
Chalkboard introduces Running Start, a comprehensive toolkit of materials to better connect schools with diverse families

February 2006:
Chalkboard announces preliminary legislative action plan and begins new round of public input, including Web survey and community meetings hosted by the American Leadership Forum

June 2006:
Chalkboard partners with other education groups to launch the Open Book$ Project, an innovative Web site that helps citizens understand how K–12 dollars are spent

September 2006:
Chalkboard announces 2007 legislative proposals in conjunction with an elementary school book distribution in four events statewide

December 2006:
Chalkboard partners with Oregon PTA to award grants for parent outreach activities in local school districts

2007

January–June 2007:
Chalkboard successfully advocates for teacher mentoring and other K–12 education reforms during legislative session

March 2007:
Chalkboard launches CLASS Project in three Oregon school districts to explore new career paths and compensation options for teachers

August 2007:
Open Book$ adds updated school finance information, including demographic and per-student spending data

October 2007:
Chalkboard partners with state's school business officials to review business operations in five volunteer districts and begin formulating set of "best practices"