



## Kudos to Chalkboard from Oregon's editorial boards

*Since Chalkboard launched its 2007 legislative proposals in September 2006, its research-based proposals to improve K–12 schools have drawn substantial editorial support. Excerpts:*

### ***The Oregonian***

**October 2, 2006**

"...after two years of research, the Chalkboard group has achieved the improbable. It kept its promise about objectivity, and it still managed to make strong recommendations about improving education in Oregon. By doing so, Chalkboard has created a safe place for people who disagree about school funding to agree on ways to make Oregon's schools among the nation's best."

### ***Eugene Register-Guard***

**October 4, 2006**

"Because the recommendations are congruent with Oregonians' priorities and grounded in solid information about where problems and opportunities lie, the Chalkboard Project has set itself apart ... The recommendations are only a start — but the Chalkboard Project's studiously nonpartisan and empirical approach will make them hard to ignore."

### ***Salem Statesman Journal***

**January 3, 2007**

"Chalkboard reflects the values of Oregonians.... The organization also is doggedly nonpartisan, and its stands are grounded in the latest educational research.... [Its] proposals blend vision with common sense. They challenge Oregonians to stretch themselves, but they recognize that this is a frugal state.... Oregonians should make good use of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that generous foundations have given this state."

### ***Medford Mail Tribune***

**May 4, 2007**

"Chalkboard understandably spent considerable time poking into how districts spend money now and how they might be encouraged to do so more efficiently in the future.... These suggestions don't come from a few activists eager to tell educators how to do their jobs. They are condensed from [a] three-year, fact-finding process and reflect a tremendous amount of public participation.... Educators and the unions who represent them do themselves and the public no favors by rejecting sincere attempts to examine school spending and propose improvements."

### ***Bend Bulletin***

**May 4, 2007**

"Chalkboard has worked harder than any other group before it to discover what Oregonians want when it comes to their schools.... All that adds up to one singularly qualified organization when it comes to education in Oregon, it seems to us.... it's got a realistic view of the political landscape in Oregon, as witnessed by the restraint it has shown during the current legislative session."

### ***Daily Astorian***

**June 28, 2007**

"It is refreshing to see such consistent lobbying and research devoted to education.... Chalkboard is in the game. Its priorities have traction. Having the stamina to come back in the interim and the next session will insure that accountability in education will increase, not wane."

### ***Klamath Falls Herald and News***

**July 9, 2007**

"One of the best things about the Chalkboard Project and its goal of improving Oregon's schools is that it isn't shooting for the moon. It keeps its goals doable.... Chalkboard is willing to prod the Legislature, rather than simply issuing reports and then standing back and waiting for something to happen.... It's not going to get everything done in a single session. Even if the organization gives the Legislature an incomplete, we'd give the Chalkboard a 'well done.'"

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