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## **Gladstone School District invites applications for Open Enrollment**

Since Oregon's Open Enrollment law began providing an annual opportunity for school choice, many families seeking the benefits of smaller schools and the security of a close-knit small community have chosen Gladstone Schools.

"Gladstone Schools has a clear mission – *Growing Great People*," explained Superintendent Bob Stewart. "Our smaller school community means we can personally know and nurture each student, providing more challenge or support as needed."

For the 2015-16 school year, the School Board approved Open Enrollment for students entering kindergarten through grade 10. Applications are due April 1, 2015. The number of openings varies by grade level.

**Kindergarten:** [45 spots] This well-established full-day program is part of the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, a state-of-the-art early childhood facility. Students receive weekly instruction in art, Chinese, physical education, music, and technology.

**John Wetten Elementary:** [62 spots in grades one to five] Students have weekly learning in music, Chinese, physical education, music, and library. Free afterschool programs are offered in choir, book discussion, cheerleading, and debate.

**Kraxberger Middle School:** [101 spots in grades six to eight] This small school offers a 5-day Outdoor School for each sixth grader. Electives include Spanish, band, choir, technology, art, and Chinese. Afterschool programs include robotics, choir, board games, and intramural cross-country, basketball, volleyball, and track.

**Gladstone High School:** [80 spots in grades nine and ten] This small, college prep school offers 66 electives, with 15 career-technical programs, and 23 AP or college credit classes. This year's 4A state football champion, the school has 21 competitive athletic and music programs and 13 clubs, including a competitive robotics team. Saturday School and other support programs help students succeed academically. The school has one of the state's highest graduation rates.

To apply or to find out more, contact Sandi Frohnert at 503-496-3935. Application forms are posted on the district website: [www.gladstone.k12.or.us](http://www.gladstone.k12.or.us). If more students apply for a grade level than the number of openings available, a lottery will determine admission.