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## **Jefferson County School District 509J Board of Directors Appoints new Board Member**

**Jefferson County, Ore.** – Jefferson County School District 509J is pleased to announce the appointment of Regina Mitchell to the School Board. She is filling the vacant Position 2 seat and will finish the remainder of that term ending June 30, 2025. Mitchell brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to education to young people in Jefferson County.

She has served on the district's budget committee since her appointment in 2021. Mitchell brings a diverse background in education, business, and finance, holding a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She also earned her teaching credentials in both special education and general education from California State University, Northridge, along with specialized training in teaching students with autism.

Mitchell brings twenty years of experience in education. A majority of those were spent as a special education teacher. After retiring from teaching in 2018, Mitchell mentored new teachers prior to moving to Oregon.

"We are thrilled to welcome Regina Mitchell to the JCSD 509J School Board," said JCSD 509J Board Chair Kevin Richards. "Her extensive background in education, combined with her service on our budget committee over the past two years will be invaluable to our board and the entire school district."

JCSD 509J looks forward to Mitchell's official swearing-in, which will take place during the school board's regularly scheduled meeting in October. Mitchell replaces Jamie Hurd, who resigned in late July after accepting a teaching position at Jefferson County Middle School. Mitchell's daughter and granddaughter are both teachers in the 509J school district.

The school board declared the vacancy on June 12 and received 8 applications from interested community members. The board conducted public interviews with each candidate at their August work session.

