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**REP. JOHNSON TO HOST TOWN HALL FOCUSING ON K-12 AND HIGHER EDUCATION;
LOCAL SCHOOL LEADERS ALSO PARTICIPATING**

SANDY—Rep. Mark Johnson (R-Hood River) will be hosting an in-district town hall this upcoming Saturday morning to share his vision for representing House District 52 during this historic Legislative Session, focusing specifically on K-12 and Higher Education issues.

“I have really enjoyed being involved with a variety of education issues during this session,” said Rep. Johnson. “There are some very significant pieces of legislation I am involved with and I would like to discuss these with the folks in Sandy and get some feedback from them as we move forward. Some of this legislation has come from ideas that were given to me by people within the Oregon Trail School District.”

Sandy Mayor Bill King, Oregon Trail Superintendent Shelley Redinger and Oregon Trail School District Human Resources Director Ken Bucchi will be attending as well.

Rep. Johnson recently urged his colleagues on the House Business and Labor Committee to pass HB 3539, legislation aimed at stabilizing school funding at the local district level. HB 3539 establishes a funding index that links the yearly percentage increase in the state school fund to the percentage increase in salaries and benefits of school district employees.

Rep. Johnson is serving his second term on the Hood River County School Board and is a past chairman. In Salem, he serves as the Co-Chair for the House Education Subcommittee on Higher Education.

The town hall will be held on Saturday, **April 16 from 10:00am – 11:00am** at the Sandy Community Center Auditorium, located at 38348 Pioneer Boulevard in Sandy. It is free to attend and open to the public.

For questions or additional comments, please contact Kristen Skiles at (503) 986-1452 or rep.markjohnson@state.or.us.

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