

Educator Recipient



Ann Nelson

Ann Nelson is a Nationally Certified School Nurse who has served the Lake Oswego School District for almost 20 years. She is the lead school nurse for Lake Oswego schools. Over the course of her career, Ann has had the privilege of working in every school, for students ages 3 to 21. As a school nurse, she is an advocate for students with health concerns—from food allergies and asthma, to diabetes and cerebral palsy.

In 2009, Ann received the Oregon School Nurse of the Year award during the H1N1 Influenza Pandemic. This was only a precursor for what she would experience beginning in February 2020. Her days were filled with contact tracing and testing staff and students. Ann went above and beyond by volunteering at COVID testing sites for Clackamas County Public Health. When vaccines became available, she began hosting clinics to vaccinate as many people in the community as possible.

In Ann's own words, "the past two years have been the pinnacle of my career working with district staff, parents, and students through the Covid-19 pandemic. I trained staff on communicable diseases, helped students understand illness symptoms, and helped parents maneuver through isolation and quarantine. I am extremely thankful for the sacrifices that everyone has made to keep students and staff as safe as possible at school. This award will be kept in my heart as a tribute to everyone who has been or will continue to be affected by Covid-19."

Ann will be retiring in August of 2022. She will be deeply missed by the students, staff, and community of Lake Oswego. We wish her the best of luck in her next adventure.