

Educator Recipients



Larry Zurcher

Larry Zurcher began teaching in the Lake Oswego School District in 1990, and over the years has taught at River Grove, Westridge, and Lakeridge Middle School. In 2016, when he began his service as a teacher on special assignment (TOSA), his initial work was on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) opportunities for students. More recently, his efforts have focused on sustainability, working with students on all grade levels. In teaming with the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, Oswego Lake

Watershed Council, and the city of Lake Oswego, one of his missions is to expand the mental model beyond the environment, to include social justice and economics, which opens up sustainability to be addressed across the curriculum, beyond science classrooms.

Educator Finalists



Leticia Padilla



Kristen Colyer