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## K-12 Tech Leader Stuart Long Joins Link Oregon Board of Directors

May 18, 2021 - Portland, Ore. - Link Oregon welcomes to its Board of Directors **Stuart Long**, chief information officer at [Northwest Regional Education Service District](#) (NWRESD) and [Cascade Technology Alliance](#) (CTA).



In leading the IT organizations at NWRESD and CTA, Long supports the technology efforts of 50+ school districts — representing some 280,000 students across 10 Oregon counties — and interacts with both state and local leaders on technology issues for the K-12 community.

Long sees Link Oregon's mission of bringing fiber broadband to Oregon's public and non-profit sectors as aligning perfectly with his career in technology for education. He has always focused on the ways technology can extend the capabilities of educational agencies, foster collaboration between disparate organizations, and improve outcomes for historically marginalized communities through greater access to information, services, and opportunities.

As an advocate with legislators and school leadership, Long seeks solutions that can bridge the inequities of Internet access for BIPOC, low-income, and rural communities across Oregon. Through CTA, he is helping to provide school districts with student-survey and mapping tools to identify those most in need and match them with resources to address their connectivity challenges. Long is particularly interested in how traditional wired services can be combined with cutting-edge technologies, such as 5G and satellites, to meet the needs of underserved communities in Oregon. He is excited to work on developing the types of longer-term solutions that Link Oregon's statewide network can enable.

Long holds a BA in history from Virginia Commonwealth University and an MS in applied information management from the University of Oregon. His experience has included positions with a four-year public research university, an education-focused non-profit, and a community college. In addition, while serving as CIO for Clackamas ESD, he helped to shape the deployment of the organization that has become the [Clackamas Broadband eXchange](#) (CBX).

"Stuart's background, interests, and enthusiasm make him an ideal addition to the Link Oregon Board of Directors, and we are so pleased to welcome him aboard," said Steve Corbató, executive director of Link Oregon.

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**Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRESD)** is the largest of Oregon’s 19 education service districts. It serves students, educators, child care providers and families living in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties. Its region includes the large urban school districts of Washington County and the smaller rural districts located along the Columbia River, the Coastal Range, and the North Oregon coast. Its regional office is located in Hillsboro, about 12 miles west of Portland, and it also operates service centers in St. Helens, Astoria, and Tillamook. There are 20 school districts in the region with nearly 104,000 students. <https://www.nwresd.org>



**Cascade Technology Alliance (CTA)** was formed in 2011 as a joint alliance of the Multnomah, Northwest Regional, and Willamette ESDs to enable them to provide greater equitable access for all students in their regions through an intergovernmental agreement. CTA serves 53 school districts, private and charter schools, and public and non-profit agencies. The service model has demonstrated tremendous value in Oregon by providing districts with enhanced technology service quality and reliability while reducing costs. <https://www.cascadetech.org>



**Link Oregon** (the business name of the Oregon Fiber Partnership) is the statewide, middle-mile provider of high-speed, reliable, cost-effective fiber broadband for Oregon’s public and non-profit sectors, including K-12 and higher education institutions, healthcare facilities, libraries, Tribes, state government offices and other public and non-profit organizations. Link Oregon operates as the consortium of Oregon’s largest research universities (OHSU, Oregon State University, Portland State University, and the University of Oregon) and the State of Oregon Enterprise Information Services (EIS). Link Oregon is a 501(c)(3) Oregon non-profit, public-private partnership. <http://www.linkoregon.org>