

OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR SCHOOLS

HOW WILL POTENTIAL 2015-17 STATE SCHOOL FUND LEVELS IMPACT THE FUTURE OF OREGON STUDENTS?

\$7.875 Billion
Improvement Trajectory

\$7.235 Billion
Underfunded Schools

\$7.5 Billion
Fragile Stability

CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

This budget is nearly \$300 Million short of what schools need to maintain current programs and add full-day kindergarten statewide.

Students will be faced with:

- Teacher and staff layoffs
- Even larger class sizes
- Shorter school year
- Reduction of education and enrichment programs

This budget shortchanges Oregon's students by forcing difficult cuts to an already underfunded system.

**-\$47/
Student**

\$7.5 Billion
Fragile Stability

Oregon has been behind in investing in schools for a long time. The result is:

- Oregon students receive one year less instructional time than the national average.
- We have the 2nd largest class sizes in the U.S., with 6 more students per teacher than the national average.
- Oregon is near the bottom in graduation rates and in closing the achievement gap.

\$7.5 Billion won't reverse those trends, but does provide an important first step toward improvement - full-day kindergarten statewide.

**+\$130/
Student**

\$7.875 Billion is the first step on a 10-year plan to reach the Quality Education Commission's recommended funding level of about \$9.2 Billion - which is the investment needed for Oregon schools to reach the national average in instructional time and class size.

Over time, the \$7.875 B. investment will yield:

- Greater 3rd grade literacy
- Higher graduation rates
- Improved outcomes for ELL students
- Reduced achievement gaps

This budget represents a commitment to the Promise of Oregon, calling on Oregonians to invest in our public schools.

Learn more at promiseoforegon.org.

**+\$380/
Student**

Oregon lags behind the nation in our investment in education. Bringing Oregon schools to the national average would require investment beyond \$7.875 Billion.

What would it take to bring Oregon schools up to the national average for:

instructional time
+\$450 Million

class size
+\$1.2 Billion

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**Help Us Build
The Schools
Our Students Deserve!**

