



2021 Legislative Preview

Coalition of Oregon School Administrators

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Agenda



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Key 2021 Session Dates

- **January 19** - First Day of Session
- **February** - Co-Chairs Budget (tentative)
- **February 23** – Bill Introduction Deadline
- **February 24** - Revenue Forecast
- **April 13** - Work Session Deadline in First Chamber
- **End of May** - Revenue Forecast
- **May 28** - Work Session Deadline in Second Chamber
- **June 27** - Constitutional Sine Die



Key 2021 Committees

- **House Education Committee**
 - Chair: Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon
- **Senate Education Committee**
 - Chair: Sen. Michael Dembrow
- **Early Childhood Committee – *New Committee***
 - Chair: Rep. Karin Power
- **Joint Committee on Ways and Means Education Subcommittee**
 - Co-Chairs: Rep. Susan McLain; Sen. Lew Frederick



Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB)

Key K-12 Funding Levels Proposed by Governor Brown

- Focused on expanded access to childcare and preschool.
- State School Fund = \$9.1 billion
- High School Success = \$314 million (Full Funding)
- Student Success Act – Student Investment Account = \$778 million
- No additional transfers from SSA beyond those statutorily required
- OSCIM Bond Matching = \$138 million; K-12 Broadband = \$17.5 million and Seismic Rehab Grants for K-12 = \$110 million



Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB)

Total K-12 Funding: SSF, SIA, M98, Infrastructure

- \$9.1 billion State School Fund*
- \$778 million Student Investment Account
- \$314.5 million High School Success (M98)
- \$265.5 million Broadband and Facilities
- **\$10.46 billion** **GRB Total K-12 Funding (SSF, SIA, M98, Facilities)**



**This level of funding is based on delayed implementation of Ballot Measure 110 and use of \$200 million of K-12 reserves.*

Notes: State's Calculation for Current Service Level (CSL) is \$8.997 and assumes roll up off 50-50 split and other policy assumptions we disagree with. The K-12 Funding Coalition number is \$9.6 billion.

COSA Legislative Priorities

2021 Session



BUDGET

- State School Fund: \$9.6 billion
- Student Success Act Investments – Includes full funding for Student Investment Account (SIA), M98, Nutrition, Targeted Equity Investments, “Grow Your Own” Programs and EI/ECSE
- K-12 Facilities Investments
- Grant in Aid Funding – Regional Programs, LTCT, YCEP/JDEP
- Small Schools Funding (Dorm Schools/Small High Schools)

ADVANCING EQUITY

- All Students Belong
- Protecting Educator Diversity w/looming budget cuts
- Student Leadership/Student Voice
- Mandating School Board Member/Supt. Training
- Linguistic Inclusion

Initial Proposals - COSA Legislative Priorities

2021 Session (cont.)



COVID and Wildfire Recovery/Support

- COVID 19 liability for School Districts and ESDs
- Ensuring districts and students impacted by wildfires have the resources they need for recovery, including social, emotional and mental health services.
- Broadband and other technology needs.

Policy Changes

- Banning Open Carry of Firearms within 1000 feet of a school
- Mandate/Rule Relief (Example – PE instructional minutes)
- Virtual Charter School Extended ADMw

COSA Member Engagement

Communicating During the Session



- **Conference Calls:** Weekly with OASE Exec. Committee
- **Session Updates:** Regular communication on key issues throughout the session
- **Phone2Action:** Advocacy tool to easily contact legislators on important bills/issues
- **COSA Meetings:** Regular Legislative Updates will be provided at COSA meetings
- **Lobby Days:** TBD – likely virtual

Additionally, please feel free to contact Morgan or Parasa throughout the session as questions come up, or if you plan to meet virtually with legislators or testify in committee. We are here to help.

2021 Session

How will the Legislature Operate in a Pandemic?

- Lots of Unknowns, but less direct access to legislators
- Current Status - Capitol remains closed and the session is entirely remote except for legislators and staff
- Two possible future scenarios:
 - Modified operations where the Capitol is open to the public but strict public health protocols are in place, or
 - A “Return to normal” scenario which would occur when a vaccine becomes widely available.



Your help is critical this Session!

COSA relies on our members to support the Legislative Affairs team during the Session. We will need your help at critical times, with very quick deadlines, in the following ways:

- Meeting, emailing or calling your legislator to advocate for or against a measure
- Testifying in committee
- Providing written comments on legislation
- Offering your candid feedback on proposed bills to Morgan and Parasa



Phone2Action

Key Advocacy Tool



Ask Your Legislator to Prioritize Education Funding!

Oregonians are clear: education is a top priority for the 2019 Legislative Session. COSA and its members will be leading advocates for increased funding for education in the Capitol. In order to be most effective, we must continue to build strong relationships with legislators.

As the session begins, COSA is encouraging its members to reach out to their state representative and state senator to send two messages.

First, ask legislators to prioritize education funding this session. After decades of disinvestment and instability, this session is the best opportunity in a generation to fundamentally change the trajectory of our schools. Our kids deserve a world class education, and the legislature can make it possible.

Second, we recommend you offer your expertise as a resource on education policy and funding issues. Legislators need to know the positive and negative impacts of bills on their local school districts -- that's where you come in.

Contact your legislators in one click!

Title * ▾

Full Name *

Address *

Zip * city and state not required

Phone *

Email *

[Send Email](#)

As a school district superintendent in your district, I am excited about the possibilities for our students in the 2019 Legislative Session. This year could be transformational for our public education system.

As you begin work during the session, I hope that you will prioritize education funding issues.

Send me emails about this campaign

Send me text messages about this campaign

Opportunities and Challenges

2021 Presents Significant Challenges *and* Opportunities

Major Challenges in 2021

- State Budget Uncertainty
- Protecting federal funding
- Political pressures to reopen schools
- Vaccinations
- COVID 19
- Impact of Shifting Enrollments on Funding
- More Walkouts?
- How will we successfully advocate in a “virtual” Session

Major Opportunities in 2021

- Expansion of state investments in equity focused investments for students
- Expansion of state investments in facilities funding and “hardship” grants
- Collaboration around OEBC improvements
- Secure additional funding for the social and emotional needs of students
- Expansion of early childhood opportunities
- Additional federal investments

Other Issues of Interest

2021 Session

- Class Size as a Mandatory Subject of Bargaining
- Open Enrollment
- Instructional Time in CDL
- Dual Credit Transferability
- Virtual Charter School Enrollment Caps – raise or eliminate?
- Testing and Assessments
- State School Fund Formula Changes/Reforms
- Increasing the Poverty Weight in the SSF



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Help us gauge your priorities

- Final Input on 2021 COSA Legislative Priorities - What are other issues of concern for you during the legislative session? What other resources or support can COSA provide to help your advocacy efforts with your legislators?
- Text the 9-digit code 616-255-594 to the phone number 72855 to get a link to participate in this exchange
- Review and Discuss Ideas



**We are here to help you serve your students,
schools and communities.**

We want to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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