

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

COOS BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$7.235 Billion

Underfunded Schools

CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

With a State School Fund of \$7.235 billion, Coos Bay Schools will be faced with a difficult dilemma – whether to maintain reasonable class size in our full-day kindergartens and growing elementary classrooms or maintain current programs and class sizes for students in all grades.

Since we implemented full-day kindergarten in 2013, the unreimbursed costs have approached \$1 million. Our incoming kindergarten class sizes have grown to the point where we must re-open a closed facility in 2015-16. Without funding to help with that cost, budget cuts could include higher class sizes, teacher and staff layoffs, and/or no funding for deferred maintenance on our aging buildings.

-\$47/
Student

\$7.5 Billion

Fragile Stability

A funding level of \$7.5 billion will allow Coos Bay Schools to maintain most of our current programs and services while continuing with full-day kindergarten.

However, this funding level will result, state-wide, in continuation of the fundamental conditions that have caused Oregon to have among the nation's shortest school years, highest class sizes and lowest graduation rates.

For Coos Bay, this funding level will only decrease cuts, not eliminate them. In our high poverty area, where we have experienced decades of economic decline, our services and programs to meet the needs of our most at risk populations will suffer. Our hopes of replacing outdated technology, of safe buildings and adequate staff will not be satisfied.

+\$130/
Student

\$7.875 Billion

Improvement Trajectory

This funding level will allow Coos Bay Schools to make targeted investments in facility upkeep, essential technology updates, instructional time, programs and services for students who need them most.

For our school district this funding level will provide safer buildings, reasonable class sizes, and support for attendance, homeless, special needs and parent/family education programs. We will be able to adopt texts which we have not done for 8 years. Our student intervention systems will be fully staffed for the first time, providing supplemental instruction so that no child is left behind in learning. We will be able to have a nurse at least part time in our buildings to provide for the needs of our ever expanding medically fragile student population.

Made over time, these investments will result in greater third-grade literacy, higher graduation rates and reduced achievement gaps.

+\$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

Help Us Build
The Schools
Our Students Deserve!

