

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

FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$7.235 Billion Underfunded Schools

CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

With a State School Fund of \$7.235 billion, Fern Ridge schools will continue to operate at a deficit, and shifting more of our already limited resources to implement full-day kindergarten will come at the expense of other students.

At this funding level we can't offer our students what they need in order to succeed. Our students need more time in the classroom, more instructional offerings and more support services. Our teachers need smaller class sizes and more opportunities for professional development.

This funding level does nothing to restore previously reduced staff or programs, or to reverse the effect that less instructional time and large class sizes have on student achievement.

-\$96/
Student

\$7.5 Billion Fragile Stability

A State School Fund budget of \$7.5 billion would allow Fern Ridge Schools to maintain our current level of programs and services and allow us to implement full-day kindergarten without impacting our other students; however, this funding level is not enough to make constructive changes to increase instructional time, reduce class sizes, or to provide students with essential support services.

This funding level would prevent an operating deficit in our district, allowing for the opportunity to begin exploring small, strategic investments that can be made to enhance the quality of education that our students receive. We could restore music and PE programs for our elementary students, arts programs for our middle school students, and vocational education programs for our high school students.

+\$130/
Student

\$7.875 Billion Improvement Trajectory

A State School Fund budget of \$7.875 billion would provide Fern Ridge Schools with opportunities to increase instructional time, reduce class sizes, increase educational opportunities for all students, and offer more support for our most disadvantaged students.

This level of funding would allow our district to make targeted investments in areas like early learning and academic interventions that prevent more costly remediation in the future. We could also provide more counseling and mental health services to our most vulnerable students.

Not only would our students have more educational opportunities, our teachers would also have the support they need to provide quality instruction through professional development and up-to-date instructional materials.

This kind of investment would result in reduced achievement gaps, more literacy, higher graduation rates and improved outcomes for all students.

+\$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!

