

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

# FOREST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**\$7.235 Billion**  
Underfunded Schools

**CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL**

With a State School Fund of \$7.235 billion, our school district would lose \$61 per ADM between our 2014-15 and 2015-16 SSF payments. At this level, we would have a budget shortfall of \$2.4 million.

A state school fund of \$7.235 billion will require Forest Grove School District to once again make budget reductions that will further impact our students. This level of funding does not support all-day kindergarten, which therefore will be implemented at the expense of students in grades 1-12. The District would need to reduce costs by the equivalent of 24 teaching positions. We are still down 62 FTE from 2008. This would further increase class sizes and reduce programs.

**-\$61/  
Student**

**\$7.5 Billion**  
Fragile Stability

A funding level of \$7.5 billion would still result in a budget shortfall of \$1.1 million for Forest Grove schools. This would be inadequate to both maintain current programs and implement full-day kindergarten. Therefore, full-day kindergarten will be implemented at the expense of students in grades 1-12. It would require the District to reduce costs by the equivalent of 11 teaching positions, further increasing class sizes and reducing programs.

Additionally, this level of funding will result in the continuation of the fundamental conditions that have caused:

- Forest Grove students to receive about one year less of instructional time than the national average
- Loss of one course opportunity every year grades 7-12
- Lack of flexibility for extended time for all students to be on track for graduation

**+\$130/  
Student**

**\$7.875 Billion**  
Improvement Trajectory

A funding level of \$7.875 billion would eliminate the need for further budget reductions in the 2015-2016 school year and would instead enhance the Forest Grove School District budget by \$700,000.

This level of funding would allow the District to maintain current programs and services, implement full-day kindergarten and make slight investments in Career and Technical Education and class size.

\$7.875 billion represents the first step on a ten-year trajectory to reach the Quality Education Commission's funding level of about \$9.2 billion – which happens to be the investment level needed for Oregon schools to reach the national average for instructional time and class size.

**+\$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!**

