

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

# GERVAIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## \$7.235 Billion

Underfunded Schools

### CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

Gervais School District has been experiencing slightly declining enrollment since 2010. Despite declining funding, the district decided to provide full day kindergarten, maintain student contact days and work with the unions to keep payroll costs low. These decisions initially only reduced the contingency but eventually led to significant cuts in staffing and consolidation of buildings in order to continue to support those decisions. Among the programs cuts were library, art, music and counseling.

If the state were provide \$7.235B, the district could maintain current staffing and programs in 2015-16, but would need to reduce staffing by approximately 5 FTE in 2015-16, resulting in higher class sizes.

-\$47/  
Student

## \$7.5 Billion

Fragile Stability

If the funding level approved for education was \$7.5B, the district could keep 2014-15 staffing levels and student contact days, provide a slight cost of living increase for staff and bring back 1.5 FTE to support the areas that were cut over the last couple of years.

During the 2016-17 fiscal year, the district could maintain 2015-16 staffing levels by reducing contingency but there would be no available resources for a COLA for staff without reductions.

+\$130/  
Student

## \$7.875 Billion

Improvement Trajectory

Funding at \$7.875B would get the district back to pre-recession levels by bringing back staffing for all the programs cut and also allowing those programs to continue throughout the 2016-17 school year.

+\$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!

