

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

# HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## \$7.235 Billion

Underfunded Schools

### CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

This funding level will require a reduction of approximately \$1 million of programs in the Hood River County School District for the 2015-16 school year.

After 9 years in a row of program reductions due to state funding short-falls, a 2015-17 state school fund of \$7.235 billion will cause the Hood River County Schools to once again make unfortunate choices that will directly impact students. This level of funding could equate to the elimination of teaching positions, raised class sizes, reductions in athletics and other extra-curricular activities, or other similarly distressful program reductions.

- \$66/  
Student

## \$7.5 Billion

Fragile Stability

A funding level of \$7.5 billion allows the Hood River County School District to maintain current programs and services. This funding level would allow us to:

- Maintain current class sizes
- Maintain curriculum and technology infrastructure
- Maintain our strong bilingual programming
- Maintain our fine and performing arts programs
- Maintain our focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

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

- Oregon students to learn in the 2nd highest class sizes in the country
- Oregon students to receive about one year less of instructional time than the national average.

+\$130/  
Student

## \$7.875 Billion

Improvement Trajectory

This funding level will allow the Hood River County School District to make targeted investments in instructional time, lowering class sizes, increasing career & technical education programs, increased AP offerings, and increased engineering and arts programming.

Sustained over time, these investments will result in:

- Increased vocational options and pathways for our students
- Improved literacy and math outcomes
- Additional instructional time for ALL students
- Improved outcomes for bilingual students
- Reduced achievement gaps
- Higher graduation rates
- Increased rates of students entering post-secondary programs

+\$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!**

