

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

GRANT SCHOOL DISTRICT, JOHN DAY

\$7.235 Billion

Underfunded Schools

CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

With a State School Fund of \$7.235 billion, Grant School District will implement full-day kindergarten but it will come at a cost to all students, who will now experience higher class sizes due to one less certified teacher or students will suffer the loss of three instructional days.

As the state budget grows, it is time to return compensation levels for this dedicated staff of professionals. Grant School District teachers have willingly given up lost pay by agreeing to reduce their work year by 5-days which also has meant five less days of instructional time to our students.

Bottom line, this funding level falls \$80,000 short for students in John Day.

**-\$54/
Student**

\$7.5 Billion

Fragile Stability

This funding level lets Grant School District maintain current programs and services including full-day kindergarten. However, this only prevents cuts and will not change the fundamental conditions that have caused:

- Oregon students to receive about one year less instructional time than the national average. At best, Grant School District will maintain a status quo level and will not be able to provide our students with an equal playing field as their peers throughout the nation.
- Oregon students to experience the second-highest class sizes in the nation, with six more students per teacher than the national average. Grant School District's classes will still not return to pre-recession sizes at this funding level.
- Oregon schools to rank near the bottom in closing the achievement gaps and graduation rates.

**+\$130/
Student**

\$7.875 Billion

Improvement Trajectory

This funding level will allow Grant School District to:

- increase student instructional time, and;
- implement programs and services for students who need them most.

Over time, this investment will result in:

- greater third-grade literacy,
- higher graduation rates, and;
- reduced achievement gaps.

\$7.875 billion represents the first step on a 10-year trajectory to reach the Quality Education Commission's recommended funding level of about \$9.2 billion – which happens to be the level needed for Oregon schools to reach the national average for instructional time and class size. In Oregon we used to think of ourselves as above average...now we find ourselves in a struggle just to get to average. Our children deserve more!

**+\$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!**

