

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

# MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## \$7.235 Billion

Underfunded Schools

### CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

With a State School Fund of \$7.235 billion, we will continue a pattern of deficit spending. With a total of six teachers on staff to serve up to 70 students, we cannot reduce teaching staff and maintain adequate instructional opportunities.

We have offered full-day kindergarten for many years because of transportation requirements and local expectations. Our students have benefited with most reading at first grade level prior to leaving kindergarten.

We currently have 150 student days, 16 hours over the minimum. Reducing days is not an option to still have the opportunity to meet academic demands and standards.

-\$47/  
Student

## \$7.5 Billion

Fragile Stability

Two of our four secondary grades (6-12) teachers teach seven periods and have no preparation period so that the school can offer a limited amount of elective courses. Funding at this level would allow the local school board to consider adding a staff member to offer courses with higher interest and career-readiness.

We do not have any arts courses for grades 6-12. Second language is offered through distance learning. Our elementary students would benefit from a PE specialist. Our counseling services are currently limited to the equivalency of one day a week.

The district's one school building is reaching its 30th year. The original electric heating system is inefficient and costly. Plans to upgrade are tied directly to resources currently not available.

+\$130/  
Student

## \$7.875 Billion

Improvement Trajectory

This funding level would allow Oregon school districts to make targeted investments in instructional time and other programs and services for students who need them most. It would provide an estimated \$435 per student in the first year of the biennium.

Receiving funding at this level would primarily stop Mitchell's practice of deficit spending of the past few years. The accrued past savings and conservative spending practices would continue but with financial room to increase educational opportunities and maintain financial stability for potential declines in enrollment and funding in the future.

+\$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!

