

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

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$7.235 Billion
Underfunded Schools

CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

Pleasant Hill School District implemented full day kindergarten several years ago, but operating the program without state support has meant we have had less money to serve other grade levels and programs. A quality education system should not have to choose to fund full-day kindergarten at the expense of cuts to other areas.

Since the mid-1990s PHSD has experienced numerous staff lay-offs, increased class sizes and loss of elective offerings, due to inadequate state funding and declining enrollment. Because we already have full-day kindergarten, at this level we will be able to hire the equivalent of two teachers—but still be without the important services and programs.

-\$47/
Student

\$7.5 Billion
Fragile Stability

At this funding level, PHSD would be able to start re-investing in our education program. This would help move us out of the scenario of choosing full-day kindergarten over other grade levels. We would be able to make key investments for our students, potentially including:

- Enhancing College and Career Readiness by strengthening core academic classes and increasing elective opportunities.
- For our most vulnerable students, offering support services including school-based mentoring or increased counseling time and/or interventions.
- Early Learning—becoming more involved in pre-school operations that would help more students get ready for kindergarten.

+\$130/
Student

\$7.875 Billion
Improvement Trajectory

At this level, re-investment into PHSD could have a huge impact on the quality of education that our students receive. Among the significant investments:

- Enhancing College and Career Readiness.
- For our most vulnerable students, offering improved support services.
- Early Learning.
- Improving the quality of instruction through targeted, district-wide professional development and consistently purchasing high-quality instructional materials.
- Taking improved care of district assets, and improving communication with parents and community.

While this funding level would not yet put Oregon on par with most other states, it represents a commitment to helping our young people reach their full potential.

+\$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!**

