

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

SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$7.235 Billion

Underfunded Schools

CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

A state funding level of \$7.235 billion would leave Silver Falls School District over \$800,000 short to maintain current staffing levels. It will not keep pace with anticipated enrollment growth, roll up costs and other inflationary costs. Silver Falls School Board has committed itself to full day kindergarten, a decision based upon "what's good for kids". This funding level is not good for kids. All other grades will be impacted by staff reductions and increased class sizes. District priorities such as facility maintenance, safety, and technology will not be sufficiently addressed at this funding level. It is time for Silver Falls and all Oregon school districts to experience adequate funding to best support the needs of all students.

-\$97/
Student

\$7.5 Billion

Fragile Stability

A funding level of \$7.5 billion allows Silver Falls to maintain current staffing levels and services while adding full-day kindergarten.

However, this funding level will make it challenging to address all of the local priorities identified in the district Strategic Visioning Plan. These include strategies to support adequate student attendance, interventions to support struggling learners and the addition of a school resource officer at all schools in the district.

This funding level will also make it difficult to increase instructional hours at all schools to the national average. While we will function, delays in full supports for each student will likely continue.

+\$130/
Student

\$7.875 Billion

Improvement Trajectory

A State School Fund of \$7.875 allows Silver Falls Schools to transition from adequate to thriving.

Support for schools at this level means complete programs and services for students who need them the most. These include student counseling and mental health supports. It will allow for sufficient and long-term investment in facility maintenance projects, technology infrastructure and equipment. The priorities identified in the district Strategic Visioning Plan can be realized.

Over time this investment will result in greater third grade literacy, continued improvement in graduation rates, improved outcomes for ELL students and reduced achievement gaps. This funding level will provide a greater opportunity to move forward...together and to continue our long-established standard of high achievement for each student.

+\$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!

