

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

# SOUTH LANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## \$7.235 Billion

Underfunded Schools

### CURRENT CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET LEVEL

At this funding level, we estimate our General Fund budget will be short \$642,844. This deficit could be eliminated by cutting 7 days to the school year or increasing class sizes by 3.5 students per class at the secondary level. We are not able to increase class size at the elementary level as our classes are already bigger than appropriate for instruction and because of the addition of full day kindergarten.

We could also decrease the shortfall by not implementing full day kindergarten, but our kindergarten assessment data shows our incoming students are significantly behind their peers in the county and throughout the state.

-\$47/  
Student

## \$7.5 Billion

Fragile Stability

This may not be a "break even" scenario depending on how much the implementation of full day kindergarten actually costs. We are having to do major facility renovations to accommodate full day kindergarten and those are only estimates at this time. In addition, as we begin to hear about funding levels for federal dollars (Title I, Title II, IDEA, etc.) we may need to move key staff and programs back into the general fund budget if federal funds are reduced. In a district our size, the addition of one high cost student could also tip this funding scenario out of balance.

Finally, a "break even" funding level means we have still not recovered from prior to the recession. We have a list of positions and items cut prior to that time that we still have not restored.

+\$130/  
Student

## \$7.875 Billion

Improvement Trajectory

This budget level would allow us to make some investments and implement some needed initiatives beyond this year's budget. We would have about \$850,000 to put toward initiatives to support student learning. The following items would be a priority:

- Much needed technology upgrades throughout the district
- Get back on cycle for textbook and materials adoptions
- Reinstate Summer School
- Reinstate previously cut Custodial positions
- Add Educational Assistance FTE for Interventions
- Elementary and High School Counselors

+\$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!

