**Sample Script for Phone Calls to Legislators**

**Outline:**

* Your name
* Your child/grandchild/neighbor’s name OR your school/position
* Your representative/senator’s name
* You understand that $7.8 billion is the current K-12 budget discussion
* That’s far from enough
* It means: <provide example of impact to your district>
* Please at least avoid cuts by allocating $8.4 billion
* Thank you

**Source for your legislators’ phone numbers:**<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts-mobile_new.htm>

**One parent example:**

Hello, this is Stephanie Brown calling. My daughter, Emma, is a student in Eugene – we live in Representative Nathanson’s district. I’m calling to urge Rep. Nathanson to reconsider her budget framework. The $7.8 billion budget means we’re back to furlough days or shortened schedules, and that when she’s in class, Emma’s jammed into a class with 30 other students. Her electives will be cut, too. I’m hoping Rep. Nathanson will support moving to the $8.4 billion that will avoid more cuts. It’s certainly not going to provide luxuries, but it’ll keep things stable. Thank you so much for taking my call. I hope I can count on Rep. Nathanson.

**Another parent example:**

Hello, this is Ryan Morales calling. I live in Lake Oswego and Senator Devlin is my Senator. I understand Senator Devlin is considering a budget proposal for K-12 of $7.8 billion and that will require $600 million in cuts. I did some math: My son’s math class is already 32 students. They have class for 50 minutes each day. With the arrival/departure minutes, let’s say they have 45 minutes. Say the teacher needs 40 for instruction. So on a good day, the 32 students have 5 minutes of the the teacher’s time for individual help. That gives each student about 9 seconds of time. No wonder they’re having trouble graduating. At least let’s avoid more cuts. We really need that $8.4 billion or our district will cut 12 positions and make things worse. Thank you so much for considering this and for passing my thoughts on to Senator Devlin.