

The Beaverton School District's top priority for the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session is stable and sufficient funding for K-12 public education to support the success of every student.

The Beaverton School District's legislative priorities include:

SCHOOL FUNDING: Provide stable and sufficient state funding for K-12 public education

- **Current Service Level Calculation:** Begin budget discussions from an *accurate* baseline cost estimate for the continuation of K-12 programs and staff that are currently paid for by the State School Fund. The Governor has directed corrections to the CSL process to more accurately estimate cost increases to maintain current core services for students.
- **Needed Service Level:** Recognize that current funding is far below the Quality Education Model and is not *adequate* to meet all students' learning needs and fully prepare them for college, careers and community. We need to re-envision Oregon education funding to invest in the education services and supports our students deserve.
- **Secure and Stable Funding:** Provide investments that are predictable and stable over time, so schools can provide consistent supports and services our students and families can count on. Protect funding for the Student Success Act, High School Success Act and Early Literacy Success Initiative, without carveouts, to maintain the targeted investments made in supporting quality education.
- **Summer Learning:** Support all school districts to provide year-round learning with high-quality summer programs. Provide dedicated, consistent, predictable funding that education providers and community-based partners can count on every year.

HEALTH & WELLBEING: Support inclusion, safety and wellbeing of all students

- **Special Education:** Provide funding and supports for schools to address needs of students with disabilities. Raise the 11% cap on weighted funding for students receiving special education services. Increase the High Cost Disability Fund to fully reimburse districts' costs to meet more intensive student needs. Provide additional funding to meet these costs rather than redistributing current allocations.
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing:** Support services that promote students' social, emotional and behavioral health, with funding to sustain any new requirements.
- **Safe School Buildings:** Fund capital improvements for high-quality school facilities, including seismic safety. State school funding does not provide for facilities, and Oregon school districts have billions of dollars in deferred maintenance and facility needs.
- **School Meals:** Fund universal free school meals, regardless of students' financial eligibility or application, to reduce social stigma and help ensure all students are well fed and ready to learn.

SIMPLE & SUSTAINABLE: Avoid unfunded mandates and streamline systems

- **No New Unfunded Mandates:** Ensure that any new requirements for schools are evidence-based, focused on increasing student success, and come with funding and support to meet the need, not carved out of existing education funding.
- **Fund Recent Mandates:** Provide funding for costly new laws such as summer unemployment benefits for school-year workers and Paid Leave Oregon.
- **Paperwork Reduction:** Simplify requirements and ensure new resources are not constrained and districts are not burdened with grant processes.

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