



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Providing quality education while preparing our children and community for the future

School Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 20, 2016

Topic: Legislative Update

Place on Agenda: Superintendent Report

Presenter: Rich Dahman

Major Education Funding Changes:

Voluntary Preschool --- districts can apply for limited funding, based on at-risk student population and availability of other programs, 16,000 students state-wide

Grants for teacher recruitment and retention --- teachers in shortage areas, teacher loan forgiveness, teachers of concurrent enrollment classes

Student Support Services --- 50% of salaries for new counselors, social workers, etc for four years, then 25% for two years, application process coming from MDE

Equity Revenue --- out-state districts will receive additional \$15ppu, in 2016-17 this will be all state aid, afterwards will be aid/levy split, must take public testimony annually

Broadband Grants --- \$500,000 available state-wide for broadband hotspots

Major Education Policy Changes:

Physical Education Standards --- state-wide K-12 standards and benchmarks

WBWF --- include Gifted/Talented plans, Staff Development report, and School Readiness report in the WBWF plan, Site Teams must include a parent

Other education topics:

Tax Bill (vetoed) --- School Bond taxes paid on Ag land will have a 40% credit

Transgender Students --- Title IX requires that schools treat all students consistent with their gender identity, more information will be coming from MDE