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**NORTHWEST REGIONAL ESD STATE SCHOOL FUND REVENUES REQUEST
RESOLUTION****POLICY ISSUE / SITUATION:**

House Bill 3401 approved by the 2013 Oregon Legislature allows school districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Lane, Hood River and Wasco Counties to request up to 75% of all amounts received from the State School Fund (SSF) and attributable to the school district directly from the Education Service District effective July 1, 2015. A school district board must make this request to the Education Service District board by November 1, 2014 and must designate the percentage to be withdrawn from the ESD. Districts who elect to request more than 50% of the State School Fund attributable to the school district may act only in an advisory capacity for decisions made in relation to the governance of the Education Service District, including the Local Service Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of Oregon's Education Service Districts is defined in Oregon law (ORS 334.005): *Education Service District assist school districts and the State of Oregon in achieving Oregon's education goals by providing equitable educational opportunities for all of Oregon's public school students.*

Each ESD provides regional services to its component school districts, primarily in areas that the school districts alone would not be able to adequately and equitably provide. Examples would be high cost technology systems and children with severe disabilities who qualify under the category of high cost but low incidence. These services are basically offered within four large categories: Special Needs Children, School Improvement, Technology and Administrative services.

The Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRES D) is funded through the SSF formula (4.5% of SSF) on an ADMw basis. Beaverton will request 75% of NWRES D SSF revenues to be distributed directly to Beaverton School District.

Under the HB 3401 process, Beaverton will still be a regional partner with neighboring districts. However, Beaverton School Board will no longer be a voting member on the Local Service Plan.

Beaverton Schools first used this model for 2014-15 to request the maximum 65%. This model allows for the percentage to increase to 75% for 2015-16. Beaverton Schools follows the path of other large districts in the state in regard to ESD services. Salem-Keizer has fully opted out. Portland, Eugene and Hillsboro have all requested distribution of revenue in lieu of service.

RECOMMENDATION:

(14-466) BE IT RESOLVED it is recommended that the School Board approve the following resolution.

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

**RESOLUTION (14-466) TO REQUEST 75% of NWRESD STATE SCHOOL FUND REVENUES
RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF THE BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BE DISTRIBUTED
DIRECTLY TO THE BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, House Bill 3401 was approved by the 2013 Oregon Legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3401 allows school districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Lane, Hood River and Wasco Counties to request up to 75% of all amounts received from the State School Fund and attributable to the school district directly from the Education Service District; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3401 requires that a school district board must make a request to the Education Service District board by November 1 of the year prior to the school year for which the request is being made; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3401 requires the school district board to designate the percentage of State School Fund attributable to the school district to be paid directly by the Education Service District; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3401 states that school districts designating more than 50% of the State School Fund attributable to the school district may act only in advisory capacity for decisions made in relation to the governance of the education service district;

NOW THEREFORE, the Beaverton School District Board of Directors hereby notifies the Northwest Regional Education Service District Board of Directors that it elects to receive 75% of the Northwest Regional ESD State School Fund attributable to the Beaverton School District for the 2014-15 school year to be paid directly to the Beaverton School District.

This resolution serves as legal notification of this request. The Beaverton School District Board of Directors understands that by requesting 75% of the NWRESD State School Fund attributable to the Beaverton School District for the 2015-16 school year to be paid directly to the Beaverton School District that the District may act only in an advisory capacity for decisions made in relation to the governance of the education service district.

The Beaverton School District Board of Directors will review this decision for 2016-17 prior to November 1, 2015.

Beaverton School District:

By: _____
Title: Superintendent

Date: _____