

# How would the potential 2013-2015 State School Fund Levels impact Oregon school districts?

## \$6.150 Crisis Budget

On top of hundreds of millions in cuts that school districts have already endured, with a \$6.15 billion State School Fund allocation, Oregon school districts would face:

- ▶ Additional, significant teacher and staff layoffs
- ▶ Even higher class sizes
- ▶ Fewer school days
- ▶ Elimination of additional valuable programs.

Although schools would continue to strive to deliver improved performance, this level of resources will directly impact student learning and result in flat or declining performance.

**What the newspapers would say...**  
"School budget means hundreds of teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, shortest school year in the nation"

## \$6.550 More Cuts

Depending on local factors, districts would not be able to offer students the education experience they need to be successful and make progress toward performance goals.

At a funding level of \$6.55 billion, most Oregon districts would:

- ▶ Be unable to restore teachers and education support professionals
- ▶ Continue to face increased class sizes
- ▶ Continue to have a shortened school year
- ▶ Be unable to restore lost programs like art and music
- ▶ Still face additional, serious budget cuts.

Schools would continue to strive to deliver improved performance; some gains may be possible, but in general, results would likely remain about the same.

**What the newspapers would say...**  
"Legislative budget means schools face another round of painful cuts"

## \$6.750 Stability

Most Oregon districts would be able to avoid further cuts to staffing or programs with a State School Fund allocation of \$6.75 billion.

In fact, some schools might be able to:

- ▶ Add back a few educators, or
- ▶ Add back school days, or
- ▶ Restore a few valuable programs like art and music
- ▶ However, others would still face some budget cuts.

With funding stability would come stability in performance, as well – and, potentially, some improvement.

**What the newspapers would say...**  
"School funding stabilizing; Parents give a sigh of relief"

## \$6.895

## Investment & Improvement

Oregon schools would not be "made whole" at a funding level of \$6.895 billion, but most would be able to invest in:

- ▶ Additional teachers and staff
- ▶ A full school year
- ▶ Smaller class sizes
- ▶ Restoration of programs and electives like libraries, art and music
- ▶ Targeted investments aimed at early literacy, closing the achievement gap, higher graduation rates, or other improvement areas.

Bottom line: schools would be able to begin to deliver better student outcomes, and put Oregon on the path to meeting its 40-40-20 goal.

**What the newspapers would say...**  
"Oregon Legislature applauded for reinvesting in schools"

