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Neah-Kah-Nie Staff,

Welcome back!

I am proud of the work we have done as a state to realize an historic opportunity for Oregon schools with the [Student Success Act](#). This new law signals a critical and important focus on rural communities, students of color and other student groups who have been historically underserved.

Signed into law in May of 2019, the Student Success Act is a game-changer for our schools. When fully implemented this act will invest approximately \$2 billion for early learning and K-12 education, and close to \$500 million will go directly to Oregon school districts and eligible charter schools through the Student Investment Account. This account is a non-competitive grant. The focus of the Student Investment Account is on key areas for improvement – from reducing class size, increasing instructional time, addressing health and safety needs and ensuring a well-rounded education.

In order to apply for these funds, our district is required to meaningfully engage stakeholders – particularly students and families from underserved communities and staff (each one of you) who serve our students every day.

We need all voices in this conversation.

You play a key role in this process. I'm writing today with the hope that you will share your input. There are many ways to get involved, including:

1. Joining Neah-Kah-Nie School District's core team for Student Success.
2. Participating in a community input session.

Please let me or your principal know if you have any questions or suggestions. As always, I am open to your feedback. Your involvement and continued dedication is critical to our success. Thanks again for all the dedication you put into this important work and to helping our students succeed.

Sincerely,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent
Neah-Kah-Nie School District

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

A stylized, flat-design illustration of the front of a yellow school bus. The bus features a large windshield with two vertical pillars, a prominent grille with horizontal slats, and two large round headlights. It has black side mirrors, a black bumper, and a black roof. The background is a solid light blue.

This investment will provide new **opportunities** for **every student in our state**, particularly students who have been historically underserved.



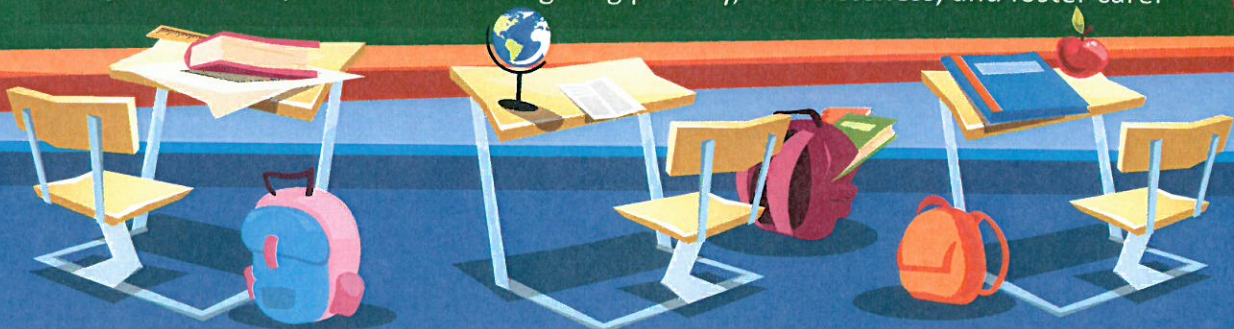
**At least
50%**

At least
20%

Up to
30%

Statewide Education Initiatives

The law requires school districts to build on the strengths and assets of young people, educators, families across the state, including members of the nine federally recognized tribes; students of color; students with disabilities; emerging bilingual students; and students navigating poverty, homelessness, and foster care.



SSA STUDENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TIMELINE 2019-2020

Community Engagement

September - October

Apply for Student Investment Account Funds

January - February

Continue Community Engagement

May - June

November - December

Continuous Improvement Plan

March - April

Submit Student Investment Account Application

July - beyond

Work Together to Put Plan into ACTION

WHAT IS THE STUDENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT?

Close to **\$500 MILLION** in non-competitive grant money for all Oregon school districts and eligible charter schools.

New money has two purposes:

1. Meet students' mental and behavioral health needs.
2. Increase academic achievement and reduce academic disparities for:
 - Students of color;
 - Students with disabilities;
 - Emerging bilingual students; and
 - Students navigating poverty, homelessness, and foster care; and other students that have historically experienced disparities in our schools.

5 Areas for Input

- 1 Reducing academic disparities (gaps between outcomes for different student groups)
- 2 Meeting students' mental and behavioral health needs
- 3 Providing access to academic courses
- 4 Allowing teachers and staff sufficient time to collaborate, review data and develop strategies to help students stay on track to graduate
- 5 Establishing and strengthening partnerships



Allowable Investments



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