

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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JOSEPHINE COUNTY, MURPHY, OREGON**

Resolution #Fiscal 14/15 - 07

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROMISE OREGON

WHEREAS, this state's children constitute "The Promise of Oregon" through their potential as thinkers, leaders and caretakers of their generation and the future; and

WHEREAS, we believe funding a strong system of public education is the best investment Oregonians can make to strengthen our economy, create thriving communities and improve the quality of life for every Oregonian; and

WHEREAS, we support a well-rounded curriculum that meets the needs of Oregon's students, including: art, music, PE, career and technical training and co-curricular activities; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that efforts to close the academic achievement gap and supports for students who have been historically underserved are expanded; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's public schools have experienced a prolonged period of unstable and inadequate funding that has resulted in dire consequences: thousands of teacher and staff layoffs, unacceptably large class sizes and one of the shortest school years in the country; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-15 budget marked the beginning of a turnaround in school funding, the 2015 Legislative Session will prove whether that turnaround will continue forward or stall; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's political leaders have codified an ambitious "40-40-20" goal for our education system to reach by the year 2025, which requires a significant financial investment to attain; and

WHEREAS, the case must be made to Oregon's voters that the Legislature needs to prioritize investments in full-day kindergarten, a full school year for every student in every district and modern, safe school facilities in every community in our state; and

WHEREAS, School Board members need to help shoulder the responsibility for making the case to Oregon's voters that investments must be made so that every child has the opportunity to become a responsible and productive citizen of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Three Rivers School District Board of Directors pledges to join and support the efforts of "The Promise of Oregon" campaign to ensure that Oregon's lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the educational outcomes for Oregon's greatest natural resource: our children.

ATTEST: _____

Superintendent/Clerk

Board Chair

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

Passed _____ Date: _____
(Passed/Failed)