

Strong Schools – Strong State

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

The Strong Schools, Strong State campaign is a unified effort by the Oregon School Boards Association, Oregon PTA, Oregon School Employees Association, Oregon Small Schools Association, Confederation of School Administrators, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Association of Education Service Districts and Oregon Association of School Business Officials. Its focus is to urge state policy-makers to prioritize education in our state investments by supporting adequate and stable funding at a level that provides for a full academic year, staffing levels necessary to operate and provide the instruction needed for students to meet state goals and standards, and a varied curriculum that meets the needs of Oregon's students.

The Strong Schools, Strong State coalition supports efforts to protect a well-rounded curriculum that meets the needs of Oregon's students by offering art, music, physical education, career-technical training, extracurricular activities, and extended day school programs that help boost student achievement, close the academic achievement gap for disadvantaged students, reduce the dropout rate, and increase the graduation rate.

RECOMMENDATION:

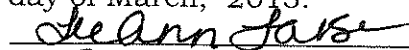
(13-264) BE IT RESOLVED that the Beaverton School Board discuss and approve the attached resolution.

**BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
STRONG SCHOOLS – STRONG STATE
Resolution 13-264**

- WHEREAS, Our vision for Oregon includes a dynamic 21st-century school system that provides each student a world-class education that results in Oregon students becoming responsible and productive citizens of our community, state and nation; and
- WHEREAS, We support the state of Oregon making wise investments to create strong schools that serve as the foundation of a strong, prosperous state, now and into the future; and
- WHEREAS, We support efforts to protect a well-rounded curriculum that meets the needs of Oregon’s students by offering, art, music, physical education, career-technical training and extracurricular activities; and
- WHEREAS, We support funding for extended-day school programs that help boost student achievement and close the academic achievement gap for disadvantaged students; and
- WHEREAS, Oregon’s political leaders have codified an ambitious “40-40-20” goal for Oregon’s public education system to attain by the year 2025; and
- WHEREAS, Oregon’s state budget has included a shrinking share of funds available to K-12 public education, from about 45% of the state budget in 2003-05 to about 38% in the proposed K-12 budget for 2013-15.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaverton School District/Education Service District Board of Directors pledges to join and support the efforts of the “**Strong Schools, Strong State**” campaign to prioritize education in our state investments by supporting adequate and stable funding that ensures a full academic school year for every child in Oregon, and prevents further program cuts, staff reductions or loss of school days while making the investments needed to enable our schools to start on a path to achieve Oregon’s 40-40-20 goal.

ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2013.

School Board Chair



Superintendent

