



## **FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J**

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### **What Does a \$7.235 Billion State School Fund Mean to Fern Ridge Schools?**

- \$7.235 billion means that Fern Ridge will receive **\$96 less per student** next year compared to our 2014-15 funding level (we will receive more funds from the state next year, but due to the fact we are adding full-day kindergarteners to our enrollment the amount of money received per student will decline)
- \$7.235 billion means that Fern Ridge would be **\$450,000 short** of what we need to maintain current programs, add full-day kindergarten, and operate a full-school year
- \$7.235 billion means fewer school days, staff layoffs, higher class sizes, and further reduction of programs and services

### **Facts about Oregon's Education System**

- In the last twelve years the K-12 share of the state budget has declined from 45% to 39%
- Oregon students, during grades 1-12, receive about one year less instructional time than the national average
- Oregon students experience the second-highest class sizes in the nation, with about six more students per teacher than the national average
- Oregon schools rank near the bottom in graduation rates and in closing achievement gaps

### **What Does a \$7.50 Billion State School Fund Mean?**

- \$7.5 billion means we would be able to add full-day kindergarten while maintaining current programs and class sizes
- \$7.5 billion means no ability to restore previously reduced staff or programs, or to reverse the effect that less instructional time and large class sizes have on student achievement

### **What Does a \$7.875 Billion State School Fund Mean?**

- \$7.875 billion means more instructional time, smaller class sizes, more programs and electives, and more counseling and mental health services
- \$7.875 billion means the ability to make targeted investments in areas like early learning and academic interventions that prevent more costly remediation in the future
- \$7.875 billion means reduced achievement gaps, more literacy, higher graduation rates, and improved outcomes for all students

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