2015 Legislative Review
OSBA Annual Convention

November 13, 2015

AGENDA:
• 2015 – Funding and Key Legislation
• What’s Next
• Questions, Answers & Discussion

Education Funding –
State School Fund and Community Colleges

• Governor’s* Proposed K-12 Budget: $6.9 Billion
• Final Legislative K-12 Budget: $7.37 Billion + $30 million from Common School Fund = $7.4 Billion
• K-12 advocates helped increase K-12 budget by almost $500 million
• Governor’s* Proposed Community College Budget: $500 Million
• Final Legislative Community College Budget: $550 Million

*Former Governor Kitzhaber
Facilities and Capital Construction

- $125 million for bond matching grants (SB 447)
- $175 million for seismic upgrades
- Creation of Office of School Facilities at ODE (SB 447)
- Grant monies to help districts evaluate facility needs (SB 447)

Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB)

- OEIB Board has been abolished; agency has been renamed Chief Education Office (SB 215)
- Achievement Compacts no longer required
- Chief Education Officer has limited role to ensure education agencies are working together

Smarter Balanced “Opt Out”

- House Bill 2655 allows students to be excused from taking statewide summative assessments for any reason
- Districts must notify parents twice a year about the right to “opt-out” of testing
- U.S. Dept. of Education has said law puts federal funding at risk
Transfers

- No changes to Open Enrollment; sunsets in 2017 and Legislature must extend
- SB 709 product of COSA and OSBA workgroup
- Adds clarity and creates summer move provision, allows students to keep transfers if they move, allows revocation of transfers and several other improvements

English Language Learners

- House Bill 3499 result of stakeholder process to improve outcomes for ELL students
- Includes $12.5 million for district supports and to fund statewide ELL plan
- ODE and workgroups will design system of supports similar to Focus and Priority School Model

Paid Sick Leave

- Senate Bill 454 provides mandatory paid sick leave for all employees; 1 hour for each 30 worked
- Includes coaches and substitutes
- Goes into effect Jan. 1, 2016; OSBA working to help districts implement
Other Key Bills and Legislation

- Gain Share (SB 129)
- Oregon Promise (SB 81)
- Dyslexia (SB 612)
- High Cost Disabilities Grant (HB 2927)
- CTE Funding (HB 3072 and HB 5016)
- Frontier ESD Funding (HB 3497)
- Student Discipline (SB 553 and SB 556)
- Small High School Grant (SB 667)
- 5th Year Programs (SB 898)
- 100+ Bills in OSBA Legislative Report

What’s Next; Q and A

- Interim Legislative Meetings in Sept & November
- Multiple informal workgroups and formal Task Forces meeting
- Session organizes in January
- Session begins Feb. 1
- Your Questions and Answers

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