

Dear Senator Linthicum:

I am the Superintendent of the Klamath Falls City Schools. Our district budget committee met last night and we presented to them our projected 2017-18 budget. In it are over \$2 million in reductions. This includes 14 classroom teachers, our school psychologist, a dean of students, a school nurse, a counselor, over \$220,000 in clerical staff reductions, one custodian, our elementary art program that we contract through Ross Ragland Theater, \$150,000 in textbooks, and \$75,000 in professional development for teachers.

We are budgeting at \$8.2 billion for the biennium. If the legislature approves a budget below that figure more reductions will be necessary.

Needless to say the children of the Klamath Falls City Schools will be the ones who feel the effects of these reductions. Whatever you can do to help increase K-12 school funding will be greatly appreciated by them and their families.

Sincerely yours,

Paul

--

Paul Hillyer, Ph.D.  
Klamath Falls City Schools Superintendent  
1336 Avalon Street  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

541-883-4700 ext. 1