



Share your personal story — Talk about your experiences with your education system as a school board member, teacher, parent or student. These personal stories are critically important to share with legislators and will often carry the most weight.

Be respectful — Legislators are hearing from the public on dozens of issues every day. We want to make sure that they know we are supporting them in the work to fix school funding this legislative session.

The time is now — Lack of funding for our schools is a big problem that has gone on too long: nearly three decades. We can't wait any longer. We need the Legislature to take a strong stand for Oregon students by fully funding our schools.

Make an ask — Clearly communicate with your legislator by asking them to only support a budget that funds the K-12 State School Fund at the Governor's Recommended Budget level of \$8.97 billion.

Offer Thanks — Thank them for their time and their willingness to engage on the issue.

Additional Talking Points

- If the K-12 State School Fund is funded at less than the Governor's Recommended Budget level of \$8.97 billion, schools across Oregon will be severely impacted.
- A \$100 million reduction in the proposed K-12 State School Fund is the equivalent of laying off 450 teachers during the 2019-20 school year. Our students cannot afford these cuts.
- Without funding at the \$8.97 billion level, school districts will have to begin sending layoff notices in March and start planning cuts to staffing, programs and school days for 2019-20.
- We must ensure that every Oregon child has access to a quality education and to do that, we need to fully fund our schools so they have the resources they need for every child to succeed.
- Please endorse and vote to pass a \$2 billion increase in funding for K-12 schools.
- Fully funding our schools will allow us to:
 - Raise graduation rates
 - Reduce class sizes
 - Hire more teachers and counselors
 - Expand career and technical education
 - Improve support and mental health services for students
 - Tell about another example about how this can impact your local schools