



OSBA LEGISLATIVE ROADSHOW

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OSBA Business

OSBA Board of Director Elections

- Oct 14 - Ballots become available
- Nov 15 - Dec 15 - Vote
- Jan 1 - Directors take office

Legislative Priorities & Principles (LP&P) Resolution

- This year, the LP&P preamble was updated to match the Board's equity goal; otherwise, the document remains largely unchanged from the version approved by the membership in 2020.
- The LP&P was approved by the Legislative Policy Committee in April and by the OSBA board in September.
- OSBA bylaws require approval every two years by the membership as a resolution.
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School Board Elections

- March 16, 2023 - Filing deadline
- May 16, 2023 - Election Day

Legislative Update

Looking Ahead to the 2023 Session - Process Update and Political Uncertainties

- This is a long session - Feb-July - long sessions are for doing, while short sessions are for fixing. The first procedural deadline is in April, so there will be time to fully form ideas and concepts.
This session will be mostly virtual due to capitol construction. Law makers will have to be physically present on the floor, but not in committee, to vote. The virtual environment will increase opportunities to provide public input but will change how advocacy work gets done.
- There will be a new Governor in November. Whoever wins will likely cause changes in state government.
- In the Legislature, Democrats are likely, but not guaranteed, to maintain majorities. The majority party largely controls the policy and budget work of the legislature.
- Legislative constitutional responsibility: set a balanced budget for 2023-25 biennium.

September Revenue Forecast

The revenue forecast determines how much money there is in the budget to spend.

The forecasted budget shortfall is due, in part, to a difficult labor market and inflationary pressures. Among other factors, the state's economists list the inability to hire enough qualified employees, and salaries and costs that exceed budgets as major contributors.

Budget & Funding - What will 2023-25 Look Like?

Looking ahead, the forecast projects economic slowdown and possible recession. Current projections show that there will be \$1.2 billion revenue shortfall coming into session. Education funding, like much of the rest of the budget, is imperiled by the confluence of increased costs, a tight labor market, and decreasing revenues.

Legislative Priority #1 - State School Fund (SSF)

For the 2021-23 biennium, the Quality Education Model called for a funding level of \$11.163 billion; the Legislature appropriated \$9.3 billion, resulting in a gap of \$1.863 billion.¹ OSBA expects the projected current service level (CSL) to be approximately \$9.5 billion. OSBA, working with OASBO and COSA, expects the actual service level calculation of \$10+ billion, representing a significant gap in the initial starting point.

Legislative Priority #2 - Student Success Act (SSA)

The SSA revenue continues to be strong and protecting it will be a legislative priority.

Looking Ahead - 2023 Legislative Hot Topics

OSBA legislative priorities: workforce and board training.

Additional OSBA bills: cybersecurity, board elections, and board safety.

Other anticipated topics: graduation requirements, instructional time, school choice/remote learning, governance/local control.

Legislative Priorities and Principles and the Legislative Workplan

OSBA's primary legislative goal is to serve as the collective voice for all Oregon public school boards. Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) members play an invaluable role in this process by building relationships with the legislators that represent their LPC region, serving as a resource for the OSBA members within the LPC region, and lending an effective voice in public policy that impacts education.

Over the last three years the Legislative Policy Committee has worked hard to transform the old Legislative Policies and Priorities guidance into the new Legislative Priorities and Principles foundational document.

This was done to allow the Legislative Team the ability to stay nimble enough to remain relevant in today's digital world, to effectively adapt to the ongoing changes in session dynamics, and to increase transparency to the membership.

Our vision is to have one representative from every school board act as the liaison between their school board and the OSBA Legislative Team through their LPC representative.

All member feedback is collected - we hear you and do the best we can to negotiate the political climates to best represent your voice. We can't do this without you! Please contact your LPC rep today!

Tabletop Discussions

It's a new school year! What's going on?

Does your board regularly engage in professional development?

When was the last time your board engaged in training?

Do you have a professional development plan?

¹ [Quality Education Model, August 2022, Executive Summary, Quality Education Commission, Oregon Department of Education](#)