



It's Time to Invest in Oregon Schools



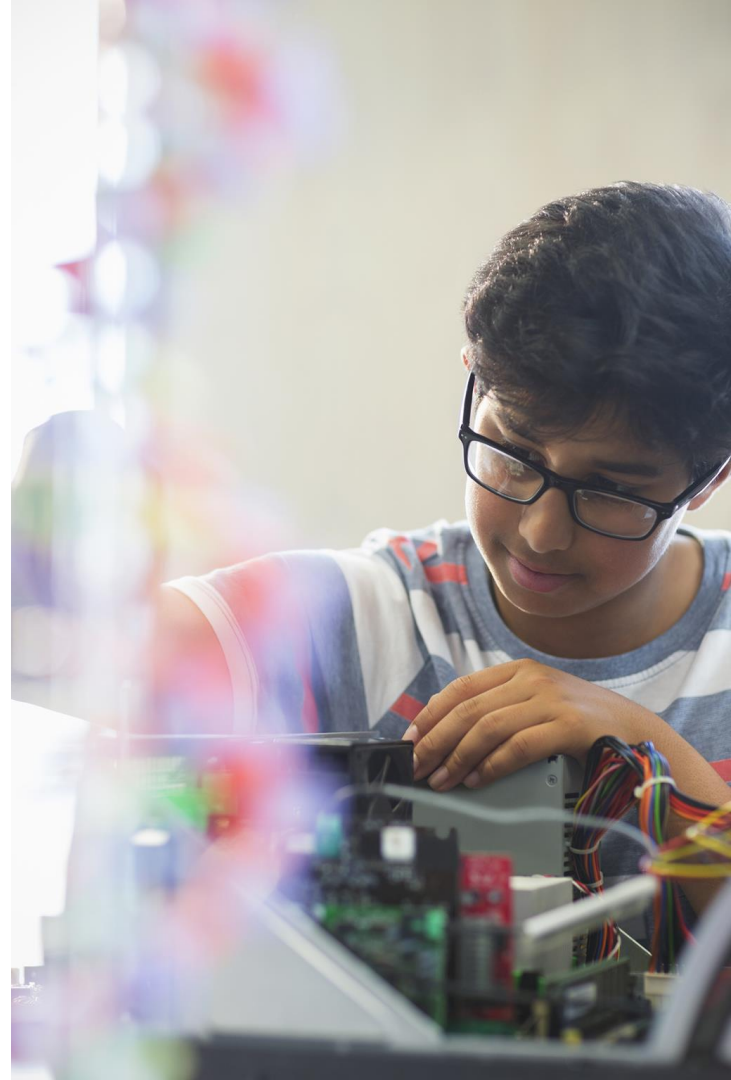
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3 Important Points:

- **There is a school-funding crisis in Oregon**
- **It has real impacts on our students**
- **There is a solution; you can get involved!**

A Crisis in Our Classrooms

- Large class sizes – fifth most crowded classrooms in the nation
- Low graduation rates – Oregon ranks second from the bottom among the 50 US states
- Cuts to physical education, art, vocational, and music classes
- Cuts to instructional time



We have consistently missed the mark

- As a state, our budget for school funding currently sits at \$8.7 billion, which is at least \$2 billion below the minimum standards set for quality schools (Oregon's Quality Education Model)
- Oregon spends well under the national average per pupil, and this is a decades-old problem.



Current funding: \$8.7 billion



Minimum funding needed: \$10.7 billion

It doesn't have to be this way

This is our year!



Momentum behind new investment

- Voter mandate in 2018 election — both candidates and issues
- Leadership + legislative priority
 - Joint Committee on Student Success
 - Gov. Brown's education investment proposal
- Red for Ed, national movement around school funding

The solution?

- Modest increase in corporate taxes to make game-changing investments in k-12 programs.
- The new policy and the programs they fund should be:
 - Progressive
 - Equitable
 - Adequate
 - Politically viable

How you can help!

Go to <https://www.investoregon.org> to:

- Learn more
- Take the pledge
- Share your story
- Attend legislative town halls and hearings

Join the Families for OR Schools Facebook group

Get other parents, school board members, and small businesses involved



Northeast Portland parents and students visiting Rep. Smith Warner's Salem office

Questions?



Thank you!