

ACKNOWLEDGING:

OEA stated that we would only sit at the table with Nike and the Coalition for the Common Good based on the [principles](#) of raising significant revenue progressively that is not tied to reducing pay or benefits, including PERS; and

The [Coalition for the Common Good was originally a PAC](#) of our political opponents, Nike, Comcast, and developer, John Russell chair of the Oregon Business Association PAC; and

Nike has a long history of political maneuvering that has allowed them to evade taxes and has negatively impacted public education and public employees, including attacks on PERS; and

The Student Success Act proposed by the Legislature's Joint Subcommittee on Revenue's largely reflects the goals and priorities lobbied for by the Coalition for the Common Good; and

The Student Success Act, a start for increasing funding but not enough to remedy decades of disinvestment, dedicates only 50% of its funding to improving our classrooms, approximately \$500 million per year; and

The Student Success Act would raise only \$1 billion per year, \$2 billion per biennium, [through a commercial activities tax or value added tax](#) that is a flat tax that taxes the sales of businesses equally, but not equitably or progressively; and

We learned through the campaign for Measure 97 that a flat taxes such as commercial activities taxes and gross receipts taxes are unpopular with voters and would likely be defeated at the ballot; and

We have a supermajority of Democrats who state they want to raise revenue and fund education, and we are in a moment in the state and nationally, where taxing the rich and corporations is a [popular idea](#) not only raising revenue but also remedying both growing economic and political inequality; and

A coalition of progressive groups in the [Oregon Revenue Roundtable](#), including Tax Fairness Oregon, Oregon Center for Public Policy, League of Women Voters and unions like AFT and OSEA, presented [revenue ideas](#) in Salem on [February 26th](#) that are both more progressive and raise more revenue than the deal being made with Nike; and

The Oregon Revenue Roundtable proposals include increasing the corporate tax rate, increasing the corporate minimum tax, enacting complete reporting, expanding Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit, and eliminating [the pass-through income tax break](#) which allows companies to pass profits to their owners who then report the profits as personal income allowing businesses to avoid corporate taxes on their profits; and

The most progressive and winnable part of the Oregon Revenue Roundtable proposals would raise at least \$2.5 billion (with more if we can win property and excise tax reforms); and

RESOLVES:

That PAT leadership publically demands that the Oregon legislature increase the corporate tax rates, increase corporate minimum tax, enact complete reporting, expand Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit, and eliminate pass-through income tax breaks and use those funds to invest in public education, and;

Supports the legislature passing the most progressive and equitable Tax Proposals on the table; and

That PAT leadership endorse the May 8th walkout and encourages members to advocate for progressive and equitable revenue; and

Send a copy of this resolution to all PAT members; PPS Board of Education; to Oregon Education Association President, Board of Directors, and Lobbyists; Governor Kate Brown; and all Oregon legislators; and

Direct the PAT legislative committee to educate membership about the Oregon Revenue Roundtable Proposals and create a plan to mobilize members to win progressive state tax policies; and

Make this the specific demand for this legislative session and for upcoming lobby day actions.

<https://tinyurl.com/revenueresolution>