

2023 Legislative Priorities

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Key Challenges

- Students across the state experienced unprecedented challenges as a result of the pandemic and still require enhanced support to get back on track.
- Post-pandemic staffing challenges across the board.
- Targeted critical shortages (SpEd, specialists, classified staff, etc.).
- Critical need for diversification of workforce.

Session Priorities

- Stable and adequate funding for K-12 education
 - Core funding for system operations is paramount.
 - 2023-25 State School Fund (SSF) allocation of \$10.2B needed to maintain actual service level in HSD.
 - Represents 9.7% increase over 2021-23 allocation, which accounts for approximately 3.2% year-over-year inflation in 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 school years
 - Oregon PERS actuaries are assuming 6.9% salary increases over the biennium system-wide, which would require a \$10B SSF.
 - Department of Administrative Services gave the Governor's office \$9.5B as a starting point for budget preparation (represents 2.2% increase over 2021-23)
 - Per-student funding should not decrease.
 - Current per-student funding is approx. \$9,500
 - A biennial allocation of \$9.65B would be needed to achieve the same per-student funding.
 - Pandemic funds will expire in September 2024
- Targeted investments that support long-term COVID recovery - specifically in Literacy and Math.
- Ensure that any legislation necessitating additional action from schools comes with additional funding or support to meet the requirements
- Maintain the 3% virtual charter school cap
- Maintain the 49%/51% split of State School Fund dollars - important for appropriately planning for year-over-year inflation

Additional information about the Hillsboro School District's budget situation is available on the Budget Matters webpage at www.hsd.k12.or.us/budget.

