

Dear Committee Members,

I am a lifelong Oregonian and have been a resident of Sherwood for 13 years now. I understand that a new state wide Education budget is being considered now. I am writing to urge you to push for a minimum budget of \$7.5 billion for the state. We must invest in our children, and do everything we can to increase the number of days kids are in class for a full day. The first step in doing this will be to restore the Education budget to a level that will get us back to at least the \$7.5 billion mark.

I understand that dollars are limited, and choices have to be made, so I am urging you to push for the future of our state and do everything you can to ensure the legislator passes an Education budget of at least \$7.5 billion.

Thanks,

Pat Murphy