



Roseburg Public Schools

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Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 475 which it is my understanding will change the JDEP funding formula to also include funding responsibility for providing the public education program for youth participating in the Douglas County Juvenile Department's Youth Care Center program which is operated within the detention center, as well as youth incarcerated in detention who currently qualify under JDEP guidelines. This will both streamline the funding process and allow for a more sensible and equitable service delivery model for the education of youth in the facility. The current funding structure requires Roseburg Public Schools to subcontract with our local ESD to provide the educational program for youth detainees that are not considered eligible for the educational program provided by the ESD as the JDEP contractor in Douglas County. It seems much more sensible and efficient that one educational contractor and funding source be responsible for providing the educational program to ALL youth physically placed in the detention center. It also appears that the budgetary impact of this change is negligible. The net impact for Roseburg Public Schools would be an immediate savings of approximately \$40,000.00 in subcontracting costs. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Respectfully submitted,



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