



Date: March 6, 2017

To: Senator Rod Monroe, Co-Chair
Representative Barbara Smith-Warner, Co-Chair
Ways and Means Education Subcommittee

From: Salam Noor, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Education Agency Presentation - March 6th Hearings

The Department is still in the process of collecting information to provide a response to questions posed on March 3rd and March 6th related to the Early Learning Division (ELD). Our plan is to finish this work tomorrow and provide a follow up memorandum specific to ELD questions.

In the meantime, below is the balance of the questions from our hearing today, March 6, 2017, during our presentation to the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee for the Oregon Department of Education's 2017-19 Budget (SB 5516 and SB 5517).

What is the total amount of funding that is represented on Slide 95? (Senator Roblan)

The Department responded that this slide represented the funding specifically for K-12 public education services of \$9.97 billion; however, it actually represents the entire agency 2017-19 current service level budget of \$10.41 billion. The point of the slide was to illustrate that the State School Fund and Common School Fund (highlighted in red) represent 78.1 percent of the entire agency budget.

With regard to ELL students, what reforms have occurred in legislation to hold school districts accountable? (Representative Hernandez)

As required by HB 3499, the Oregon Department of Education must provide the Legislature an Oregon Language Learner Report each biennium which summarizes financial information for English language learner programs, the objectives and needs of students eligible for and enrolled in an English language learner program, and information on the demographics of students in the

English language learner programs. The link below provides the most recent legislative report issued in August 2016.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/equity/EngLearners/Documents/ELAnnualReport1415.pdf>

How many acres of land remain unsold within the Commons School Fund? (Senator Roblan)

There are currently 780,000 acres of unsold land.

If you should have any need for further clarification on these questions, please let me know and we can certainly cover those during our hearing.