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Over the last 6 years now, our school here is Dufur has gone from a very well rounded education facility to just barely making ends meet from all the budget cuts and loss of revenue funds. Our education is at minimum days and hours for the students. Extra and after hour activities are at a minimum and educational events are 25% or less of previous years. Arts missing, after hour events, student body activities at a minimum. Music program at 75% reduction, choir gone, pep band - gone along with Home classes, cooking sewing and shop classes, have been reduced to a minimum and grants which have been reduced to almost nothing.

Our local citizens are raising and funding education grants for students on our own. Our teachers are at a minimum, and staff is too. With the current economy and the changes being touted by the federal government we stand to loose even the basic student needs like a good breakfast and lunch. We are not a well todo area and everything we have our local citizens try their level best to help our children.

It has been noted that Oregon has record revenue coming in. However, the choice is being made to place this additional revenue into the Oregon Health Plan and not K-12 education. This cannot be allowed. Our future depends on acquisition of funds to provide the best education for youth.

Thank you

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