



SB 819 Implementation

Presented to the Oregon Senate Education Committee

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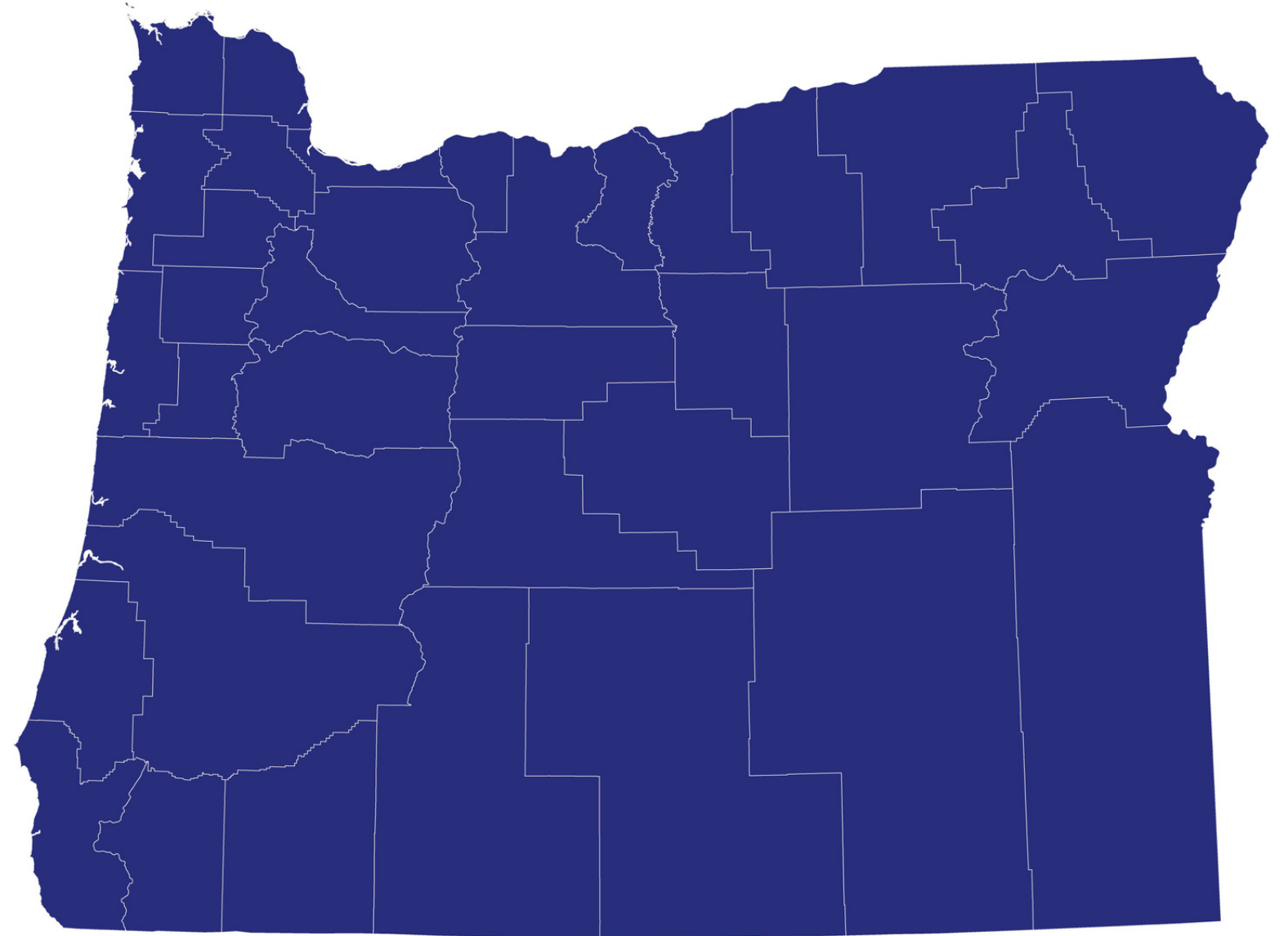
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About FACT Oregon

FACT Oregon is a family-led nonprofit that works toward a future where communities are accessible, inclusive, and empower the self-determination of people with disabilities.

We support families, youth with disabilities, and partners to hold high expectations, navigate special education and disability systems and advocate for the support needed to thrive at home, in school, and in community.

Since 2012, we have served as the state and federally designated Parent Training and Information Center [PTI] for special education.



Background

FACT Oregon began tracking support requests related to abbreviated days around 2015.

In July 2021, all parties of a federal lawsuit filed in Oregon around abbreviated school days requested that FACT Oregon, as the PTI, provide a report on data collected. The report shared that, from 2016-2021, 467 unique families called us about shortened school days.

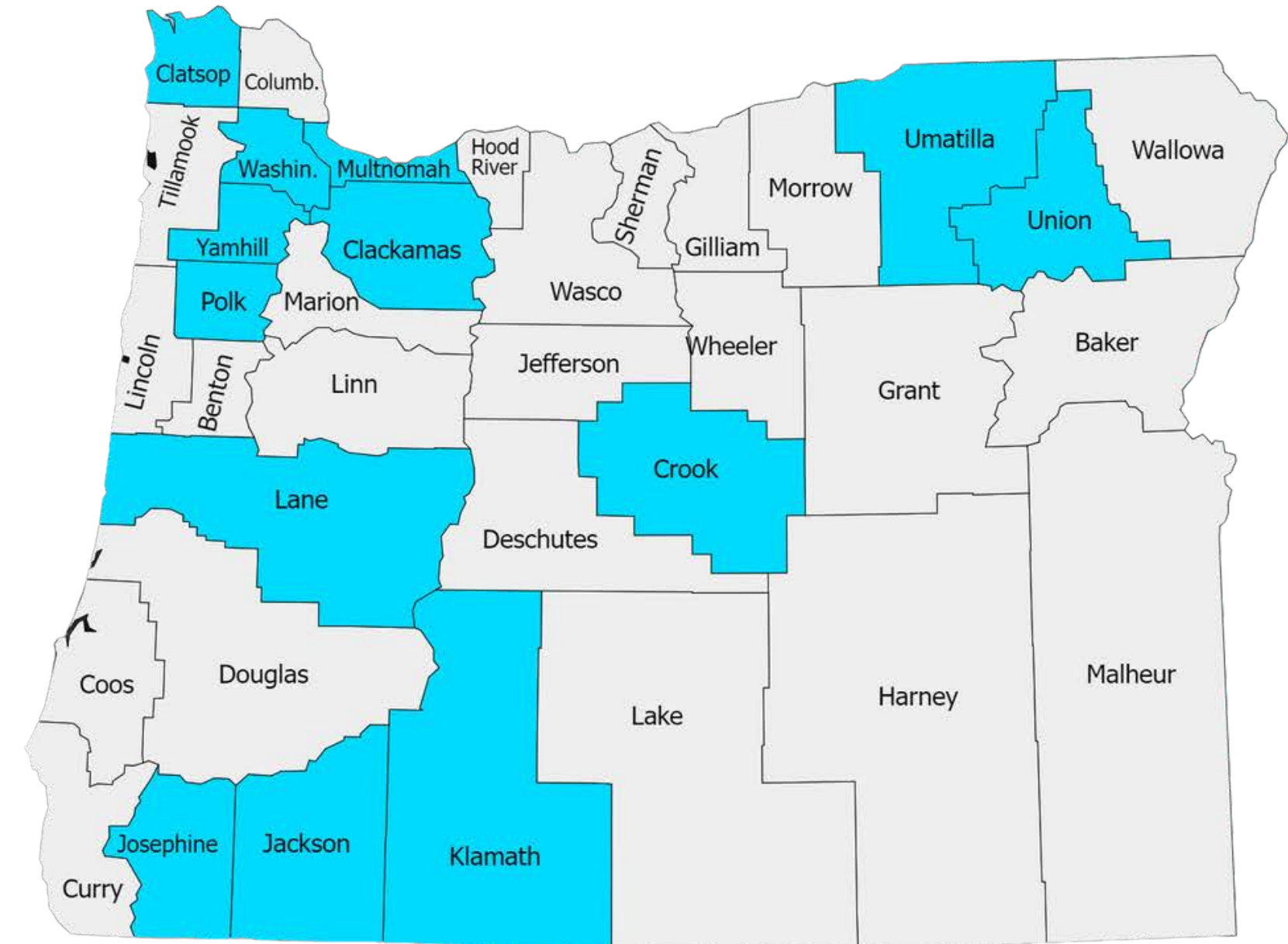
From the spring of 2021, when schools returned to in person instruction, to January 2023, 178 unique families from over 50 districts from across the state have requested support on reduced school days.

FACT Oregon offered testimony during the 2023 legislative session in support of SB 819.

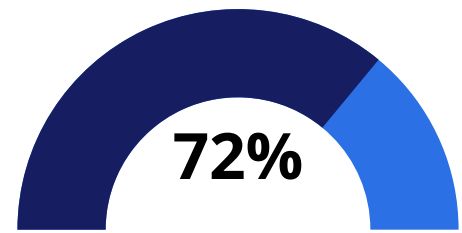


Since the Bill Became Law...

- We have not received the volume of support requests specifically about SB 819 that we expected.
- The support requests we have received have 20 different school districts from across the state and 14 counties (highlighted in blue)
- Families that have pursued special therapies for their children that resulted in a shorter school day are hearing from districts that they CANNOT do that any longer.
- Despite guidance from ODE, there is a wide variety in how individual districts are interpreting SB 819.
- Families with children that require nursing support are also sharing they still haven't been able to start school.
- We are hearing about informal removals picking up.
- Families have shared that they never received the required notice over summer.



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Our support request volume is 72% higher from July 1, 2023, through Sept 25th, 2023, as compared to last year at the same time. 32% of support requests are on unsupported needs.

For families that call about SB 819 and/or Abbreviated Days, the additional support requests are:



- Parent Involvement / Participation
- Making Requests for Services
- General Behavior
- Behavior Support Plans
- Functional Behavior Assessments



Digging deeper, the proportion families that request support and share concerns that a school district is **NOT** implementing a behavior support plan and/or **NOT** conducting a functional behavior assessment is nearly **doubled** when they have a child on an Abbreviated Days or are calling about SB 819.

Trainings...Working in Collaboration



CODSN is a Community Parent Resource Center (CPRC) for 8 rural counties Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake and Wheeler. They provide information and training to families and youth with disabilities who experience significant isolation from available sources of information and support in a geographically defined community.

Understanding SB 819:

Ensuring Equitable Education for Students with Disabilities in Oregon

Thursday, Aug 31

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

54 attendees

Tuesday, Sept 19

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

31 attendees

Saturday, Sept 30

10:00 am - 11:00 am



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QUESTIONS?

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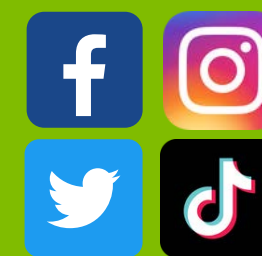
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