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In inflation-adjusted dollars, Oregon schools are still reeling from a \$500 million cut in funding in the 2023-25 biennium.

The identical budget proposals for the State School Fund from Governor Kotek and the Co-Chairs of Ways & Means make those 2023-25 cuts permanent and will lead to further cuts for some school districts. The proposed budget doesn't invest in schools but rather maintains the current, inadequate status quo.

Since 2011, Oregon has not once spent the recommended amount on public education and every biennium that the Legislature underfunded education, state test scores dropped to new lows.

Oregon is a great state - but with progressive cuts to public education and under funding for struggling students - it is progressively harder and harder to live hear. Fund education to help our students!