Joint Resolution of the Eugene Education Association and Eugene School Board

SUPPORT FOR INCREASING OREGON PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

WHEREAS, Oregon has one of the largest average class sizes in the nation; and
WHEREAS, Oregon has one of the shortest school years in the nation; and
WHEREAS, Oregon has one of the lowest graduation rates in the nation; and
WHEREAS, students in our public schools face challenging learning conditions due to lack of resources; and
WHEREAS, funding for art, music, physical education, libraries and world languages is limited and some programs have been cut; and
WHEREAS, an increasing number of children in Oregon schools need access to behavioral supports, mental health and other wrap-around services; and
WHEREAS, the social and emotional development of students are important prerequisites to academic learning; and
WHEREAS, staffing a school with more trained adults, such as classroom teachers and aides, special education teachers, counselors, school psychologists, social workers and nurses, as well as staff who reflect the diversity of the student body, provides increased individual attention and support for students; and
WHEREAS, our educators and our community are doing the best they can for our students given a lack of resources; and
WHEREAS, without change, our students will not succeed to their fullest potential; and
WHEREAS, our students can’t wait; and
WHEREAS, Oregon students deserve better, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Eugene Education Association and the Eugene School District Board of Directors will work together to support and encourage efforts to amply fund Oregon public schools by increasing state revenue.

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