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**Please VOTE YES for schools and services.**

Important Election for School Funding set for January 26, 2009

Anti-tax referendum sponsors have taken steps to force a special election

on two tax measures passed by the legislature. **Oregon PTA urges your**

**YES vote in January to preserve current school funding and services to Oregonians hit hard by the current recession.**

Important facts to know:

**93% of our state budget pays for education, health care and public safety.**

**The current corporate minimum income tax is \$10** and two thirds of all corporations doing business in Oregon pay only \$10. The corporate minimum tax has remained unchanged since 1931.

**88 percent of the business in Oregon will pay just \$150** under the new corporate minimum income tax (corporations and partnerships) including all LLC and S corporations.

Oregon has the lowest corporate taxes on the West coast and is one of the lowest in the nation.

Corporate profits tax: Profitable corporations will, for the next couple of years, pay an additional 1.3% tax on profits above \$250,000. That means a corporation making \$260,000 in profits will pay an extra \$130 a year. Starting in 2013, the additional tax will drop down to 1%, and will only apply to profits over \$10 million.

The measures raise personal income taxes only on individuals earning \$125,000 or more or couples earning \$250,000. The increase is only on the amount earned above \$125/250k, the marginal rate.

These reforms protect nearly \$1 billion in vital services like education, health care and public safety. These funds **preserve class sizes, save**

**jobs for teachers, provide seniors with in-home care, and provide health care for thousands of Oregonians through the Oregon Health Plan.** In this time of economic crisis, we must protect those who have been hit the hardest--seniors, children and the unemployed--without putting more of a burden on the middle class.

Please get the facts and join us in **VOTING YES** for schools, health care and safety.

Learn more at our coalition's web site [www.defendoregon.org](http://www.defendoregon.org) and [www.oregonpta.org](http://www.oregonpta.org)

The half half sheet Oregon PTA flyers can be found at [www.oregonpta.org](http://www.oregonpta.org), under the Advocacy tab. ([or click here](#))

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### **Oregon below the national average on per student spending.**

A new report out today from the National Center for Education Statistics says Oregon ranks No. 32 among the states on per-pupil spending on public schools.

National average about \$10,400 per pupil; Oregon average \$9,746 (2006-07)

[Oregonian education blog](#)  
[NCES report](#)

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PTA President Sandy Bell guest opinion in the Oregonian  
**[Schools and taxes: We must renew our commitment to kids](#)**

**[New school year has a fragile feel to it, teachers and parents say](#)**  
*Associated Press*

Oregon PTA president elect Jeanette Hulse and others comment on the return to school.

