

November 2009

- **YES on Measures 66 and 67 in January**
Protect current funding for schools, health care and safety
- Oregon PTA members are helping spread the word about what a YES vote on the ballot measures 66 and 67 will mean for Oregon. **These measures provide \$733 million for current school budgets and services to some of the most vulnerable Oregonians.**
- **Protect a full school year and current programs for Oregon's students: K-12 receives \$285.5 million of the revenue provided by M66 and M67.** Equal to preserving 1610 teachers and 1057 hourly employees: custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers etc. statewide. See the OSBA Impact Calculator below for what it means for your district, the state wide average is \$431 per K-12 student.
 - Community colleges (\$24.4 million)
 - Oregon University System (\$39.9 million)
 - Oregon Student Assistance Commission (\$5.1 million tuition assistance)
 - Oregon Health Sciences University (\$4.1 million)

Over 90% of the state's budget goes directly to education, healthcare and public safety.

The economic crisis has put these vital services at risk. At the same time, two thirds of **corporations pay just \$10 per year in Oregon's corporate minimum tax.**

Measures 66 and 67 raise the corporate minimum tax and the tax rates on tax payers with taxable income of \$125,000 per individual or \$250,000 per household. A YES vote on M66 and M67 preserves essential services like K-12 education, in-home care for seniors and health care access through these tough times. **Over 97% of Oregon taxpayers will not see a rise in their taxes.**

Sign the Defend Oregon pledge and get involved. Help educate your

PTA, neighbors, friends and families.
<http://www.defendoregon.org/getinvolved.html>

Learn about the details of the measures and how you can help at our coalition web site:
www.defendoregon.org

Oregon School Boards Association Impact Calculator and other information for school districts and boards:
http://www.osba.org/Resources/Article/Legislative/January_Referenda.aspx

[Click here](#) for the Oregon PTA M66 and M67 flyer

[Are you registered to Vote?](#)
[Make sure all your PTA members are registered to vote easy to check your registration at OR Secretary of State Elections Division](#) <http://oregonvotes.org/>

National PTA Advocacy: Take Action pages make getting involved easy!

The **2009 Public Policy Agenda** focuses on three key priorities:

- Parent engagement in education
- Equity and opportunity for all children
- Child health.

Learn more and sign up for updates http://www.pta.org/take_action.asp