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Oregon PTA calls for recommitment to find funding solution for Oregon's schools

Oregon PTA is greatly troubled by the suspension of the Ways and Means process and any attempt to do budget negotiation by press conference in the Oregon Legislature. Political posturing gets in the way of serious conversations about how we fund schools and services for children.

"The increased revenue forecast is encouraging to Oregonians, but our members are aware that there is still not enough revenue to adequately fund education. Our members have not forgotten that even \$5.4 billion will NOT keep all districts whole," says Otto Schell, Portland PTA Council Legislative Chair and Oregon PTA Legislative Committee Member.

Andi Jordan, VP for Legislation for Oregon PTA adds "For years, our schools have declined while Oregonians have repeatedly placed education at the top of their priorities. Oregon schools have received revenue that does not keep up with costs. Meanwhile, parents continue to pick up the pieces by more fundraising and volunteering."

Oregon PTA is calling for legislative members and the Governor to renew their commitment to Oregon's children. Jordan adds that "the solution to Oregon's school funding crisis will not come with gridlock or legislative impasse. The citizens expect leadership."

Members are encouraged to visit <http://capwiz.com/oregonpta> to send a message to the Oregon Legislature and Governor.

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About Oregon PTA

Oregon PTA is the largest and oldest child advocacy organization in the state, representing 23,000 members (and growing). For a century, our members have used their collective voice to act on behalf of every child of Oregon. The Oregon PTA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

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