



Public Comment for May 3, 2021 Budget Meeting

1. Gov. Kate Brown has proposed a \$9.1B education budget for the next FY which will create a \$20M BSD budget deficit. What impact will this have upon the BSD budget? What effect will it have upon BSD positions?

The District is not planning to make reductions due to State School Fund funding in 2021-22 but if the proposed \$9.1B funding level is not changed, the District will face budget reductions mid-biennium (2022-23). In addition, the District continues to advocate with our legislative delegation around the need to fund schools at no less than \$9.6 billion.

2. Does BSD have reserves that it can use to minimize staffing and service cuts to students?

The District is projecting to end the 2020-21 school year with approximately \$78M in reserves. This reserve, if appropriate State School Funding is not funded, will be spent down quickly if the District maintains current services and minimizes staffing and services reductions, and the District will face larger reductions in the future without the one-time use of reserves.

3. Are there any Student Success Fund like laws proposed that could close this budget gap that Beaverton constituents could support?

The Student Investment Account (SIA) which is part of the of the Student Success Act is projected to be \$26.8M to the District in 2021-22 and includes approximately \$15M in classroom teachers allocated through an equity-based formula to maintain class sizes. There are not programs being proposed in the current legislative session that would bring additional revenue to the District outside of the existing State School Fund, Student Investment Account, and High School Success programs.

4. What can Beaverton constituents do to support BSD and teachers?

We would encourage supporters to contact your local legislator and advocate for an appropriation to the State School Fund of no less than \$9.6 billion. You can find your legislator here:
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html>