

Talking Points for Parents: State Funding

- The Co-Chairs' budget means drastic cuts for schools. It is \$600 million short of what it will take for districts to continue offering the same programs and services over the next two years.
- The cuts will vary by district, but will include lost teaching jobs, reductions in school days, elimination of programs and electives, and more.

For Centennial, it is a reduction of approximately 2.2 million, this is what the cuts mean:

- o It is almost the cost of operating an entire elementary school for the school year
 - o Equivalent to 27 classroom teachers, increasing class size
 - o The cost of about 10 school days
- All of these cuts are on the table despite the reports that Oregon's economy is not just in good shape, it has fully recovered for the recession—but the "temporary" cuts have not been reversed
 - Oregonians consider education a top priority, but the legislature is not budgeting that way.
 - The good news: it's not too late for the legislature to revise the budget.
 - Community members have greater influence than anyone else in the state.
 - Emails, postcards and phone call could turn things around.
 - But it needs to happen now. Let's work together.

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