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**Representative Cramer Introduces Amendment to Fully Fund  
Oregon State Schools**

*Voted Down in Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education Along Party Lines*

**SALEM, OR** – Today, Representative Tracy Cramer (R-Gervais) introduced [an amendment](#) to [House Bill 5015](#) to increase funding for the State School Fund to \$10.4 billion. The Governor’s recommended budget was \$9.9 billion, while Democrats have proposed a budget of \$10.1 billion.

It was [recently reported](#) that Oregon school districts are facing serious staff cuts with the state’s budget proposal, with one superintendent stating that it is “impossible to continue” at \$9.9 billion. The current statewide education service levels operate at \$10.3 billion.

The -4 amendment was voted down 5 to 3. Every Republican voted in support and every Democrat voted against it. Representative Cramer and Representative McIntire are the two House Republicans that serve on the subcommittee.

“If we are serious about getting Oregon’s education system back on track, then we need to be serious about funding our schools. At a time of record inflation and labor shortages across the education field – now is the time to provide the necessary support for our students,” **said Representative Cramer (R-Gervais)**. “Budgets are about priorities and this amendment would have prioritized extra investments in our student’s futures.”

“I was extremely disappointed to see Representative Cramer’s amendment voted down along party lines. This was a commonsense budget that is desperately needed by our schools to help close learning gaps and support mental and behavioral health due to the government mandated school shutdowns. Our schools are in crisis and need state leadership to prioritize them,” **said Representative McIntire (R-Eagle Point)**.

To operate at the \$10.1 billion proposed budget, the Beaverton School District and Portland Public Schools [have proposed cutting 90 positions](#).

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