



**JODI HACK
REPRESENTATIVE
OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE DISTRICT 19**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 27, 2017**

**CONTACT: Marc Miller
503-986-1419
marc.miller@state.or.us**

**Statement from Representative Hack on Board of Education's Unanimous
Vote to Cut 2.5 School Days because of Snow**

“Yesterday the State Board of Education voted unanimously to cut 2.5 school days because of snow. I am extremely disappointed that the board took this action and did not give school districts the option of thinking outside the box to come up with alternative solutions for making up lost days.”

“Most teachers I’ve spoken with want the time in the classroom. I am saddened to see our students put at an even greater disadvantage than they already are. Reports just came out and Oregon is ranked third worst in the nation for graduation rates. Decisions like these do nothing to increase student achievement in Oregon.”

“I would encourage parents, grandparents and community members to contact their local school board members and encourage them to think outside the box to create alternative solutions for making up the snow days.”

“Alternative solutions might include extending the school day by 15 to 30 minutes, limiting parent teacher conferences to evenings or shortening spring break to be a four-day weekend rather than a week.”

Rep. Hack represents House District 19, which includes the communities of Salem, Aumsville and Turner.

This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Rep. Hack’s office are available on the web at: www.oregonlegislature.gov/hack.