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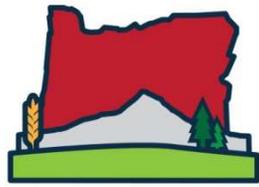
Senator Ted Ferrioli Gets \$300 Million for Schools

Salem, OR - Today, Senate Republicans praised the inclusion of \$300 million in bonding for schools in Oregon following their request earlier this session for school bonding in the same amount.

"After Democrats woefully underfunded K-12 education earlier this session, we're encouraged that they agreed with our call to allocate \$300 million in bonds for Oregon schools," said Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day). "Senate Republicans have long advocated for funding our schools first, and today we were able to give them a boost in funding that gives Oregon safer schools and additional resources in the classroom."

\$300 million in bonds for schools will be divided between seismic retrofitting (\$175 million) and bonding for school districts' capital projects (\$125 million). The bonding projects will be considered Friday afternoon when the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction meets to consider bonding projects for the next biennium.

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