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Statements in Response to Democrats Underfunding Oregon Schools

"Today I think of our children, I think of the future of this great state. \$7.255 billion is not enough. I believe this is not adequate and that we can, and should, do better for our children."
- Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem)

"We had the chance to really make this a game-changer for our kids and schools. Instead, the party in power played the same game we've always seen." - Senator Chuck Thomsen (R-Hood River)

"This budget is not adequate. We are dead last in graduation rate. Dead last. We can do better." - Senator Fred Girod (R-Stayton)

"\$7.255 billion is not enough. And until we get to a budget that is enough, I'm a no vote."
- Senator Bill Hansell (R-Athena)

DEMOCRAT CONTROL:

A Decade of Deprioritizing Education

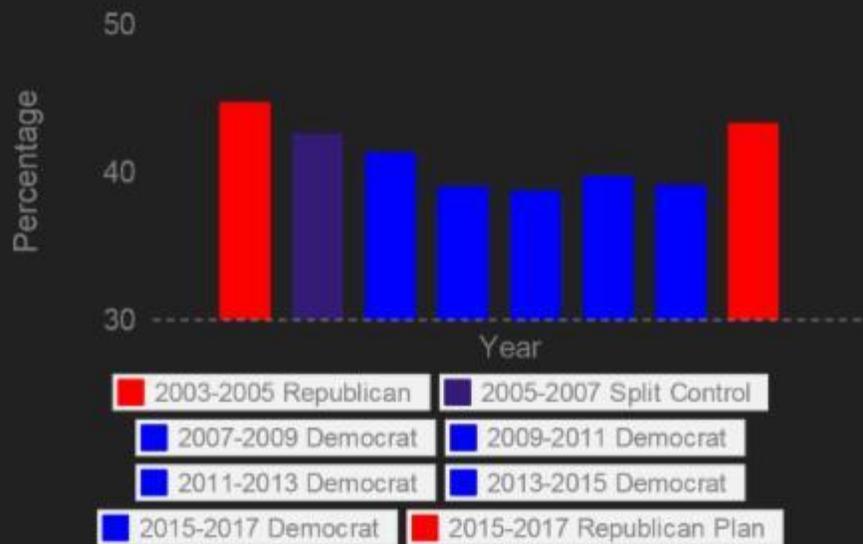
K-12 Education Spending by Year

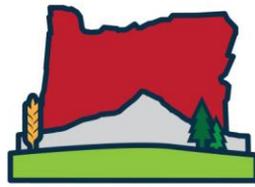
When Republicans last controlled the budget process in 2003, 44.7% of the discretionary budget (GF/LF) went to K-12 education.

Unfortunately, Democrats have consistently deprioritized education since then by reducing the percentage: 42.6% in 2005; 41.3% in 2007; 39% in 2009; and 38.7% in 2011.

K-12 funding finally ticked up slightly to 39.7% in 2013, but the Co-Chairs have now proposed lowering the amount to 39.1% in 2015.

An \$8 billion K-12 budget proposed by Senate Republicans would bring spending back up to 43.3%.





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