



**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06**

**Joint Resolution of the Eugene Education Association and Eugene School Board  
SUPPORT FOR INCREASING OREGON PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has one of the largest average class sizes in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has one of the shortest school years in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has one of the lowest graduation rates in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, students in our public schools face challenging learning conditions due to lack of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for art, music, physical education, libraries and world languages is limited and some programs have been cut; and

**WHEREAS**, an increasing number of children in Oregon schools need access to behavioral supports, mental health and other wrap-around services; and

**WHEREAS**, the social and emotional development of students are important prerequisites to academic learning; and

**WHEREAS**, staffing a school with more trained adults, such as classroom teachers and aides, special education teachers, counselors, school psychologists, social workers and nurses, as well as staff who reflect the diversity of the student body, provides increased individual attention and support for students; and

**WHEREAS**, our educators and our community are doing the best they can for our students given a lack of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, without change, our students will not succeed to their fullest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, our students can't wait; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon students deserve better; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Eugene Education Association and the Eugene School District Board of Directors will work together to support and encourage efforts to amply fund Oregon public schools by increasing state revenue.

Adopted by the Eugene Education Association Representative Council on Dec. 10, 2018

Adopted by the Eugene School District Board of Directors on Jan. 23, 2019

  
Alicia Hays, Board Chair