



To: Chairs & members of the Ways & Means Education Subcommittee

From: Dana Hepper, Director of Policy & Program, The Children's Institute

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Re: Per child allocation, K-12 compared to Preschool Promise

During the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 legislative hearing on Preschool Promise, Rep. Barbara Smith-Warner asked how the Preschool Promise per child spending estimates compare to Oregon's per child allocation through the State School Fund for K-12. Below is a rough comparison for the Chairs and other members of the Committee.

|  | Preschool Promise estimates  | K-12 State School Fund                               |
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| Per child allocation   | \$9,000-12,000 <sup>i</sup>  | \$6,961.59<br>1.0                                    |
| Additional allocation for children at 185% federal poverty or below  | \$0<br>0.0<br>(All children will be in families earning below 200% FPL)  | \$1,740.40<br>0.25                                   |
| Additional allocation for students in foster care                    | \$0<br>0.0   | \$1,740.40<br>0.25                                   |
| Additional allocation for children who are English Language Learners | \$0<br>0.0   | \$3,480.80<br>0.5                                    |
| Additional allocation for children with special education diagnosis  | Children with diagnosed delays or disabilities receive additional service through ECSE (currently approximately 7% of children). <sup>ii</sup> | \$6,961.59<br>1.0 (for up to 11% of children)        |
| Additional allocation for transportation                             | \$0<br>Included in the per child allocation above  | \$355.55 ADMr<br>80% of district transportation cost |

Note: If a K-12 child falls into multiple categories, school districts receive all of the dollars associated with each category (i.e. if a child qualifies for free & reduced lunch and is an English Language Learner, the district receives 0.25 + 0.5 additional funding.)

In addition to this table, K-12 schools receive other funding streams that Preschool Promise providers do not, including:

- Federal dollars through Title programs in the ESSA (i.e. Title I for low-income students; Title II for educator professional development; Title III for ELL students; Title X for homeless students). In 2013-14, Oregon received \$612 million in federal education funds and had approximately 567,000

students.<sup>iii</sup> Federal funds provided an average of more than \$1,000 per child in Oregon. The dollars received at any individual school vary.

- Local dollars through local option levies outside of the state school funding formula and local bonds for school facilities.
- A variety of additional state grants and adjustments to the funding formula, including<sup>iv</sup> facilities grants, small high school grants, etc.

We would be glad to do additional research that would be useful to legislators.

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<sup>i</sup> [Preschool Promise Legislative Report](#), January 5, 2016. Page 12.

<sup>ii</sup> Average per child allocation for EI/ECSE, a birth to 5 program, is about \$7,400 (although services are provided based on each individual child's plan).

<sup>iii</sup> Oregon Blue Book, [Public Education in Oregon](#).

<sup>iv</sup> [K-12 School Funding Information website](#).