



# Oregon Association of Education Service Districts 2007 Legislative Position Statements

As we prepare for the 2007 Legislative Session, the OAESD will maintain strong, collaborative partnerships with COSA and OSBA through active participation in leadership positions on: Legislative Committees, the COSA School Funding Coalition, and the OSBA Board of Directors.

## OAESD supports:

- A. the ODE/OAESD/Districts/Higher Education partnership. It will increase the ability of ESDs to support the collaborative efforts of ODE, local school districts and higher education in the core areas of School Improvement, Technology, Programs for Students with Special Needs and Administration and Support Services.
- B. a statewide regional service delivery model that is cost-efficient, effective in delivery of services and equitable for all children.
- C. restoring the 95/5 ESD funding ratio within the state school funding system.
- D. regionalized services with stable and adequate funding to serve students with low incidence and high need disabilities and children eligible for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education.
- E. funding support to provide every school in the State of Oregon with cost effective, adequate and equitable telecommunications access for all students.
- F. efforts to create a more comprehensive, integrated and seamless "education enterprise" including early childhood, Kindergarten through 12th grade and post-secondary education.
- G. common standards for integrating K-12 data systems.
- H. continuation of a "safety net" funding mechanism for high-cost special education services.
- I. a stable, long-term and adequate funding system for Oregon schools.
- J. full federal funding for Special Education.

## OAESD opposes :

- A. unfunded mandates.

## OAESD Mission Statement:

Education Service Districts assist school districts and the State Department of Education in achieving Oregon's educational goals by providing equitable, high quality, cost-effective and locally responsive educational services at a regional level.

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