

County Districts 03-04 Budget Information				
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Springfield	\$4.95	\$7,454,682	No - All Cases	I find this statement an interesting perspective. One of the ways I can respond to this statement is by simply showing the statistics of our District over the past handful of years. For the most part we have continuously reduced staff, reduced supplies and materials, increased class-size and spent down valuable reserves. We have also, on a consistent basis, been issued many unfunded mandates from the State and Federal government. Looking back over the past ten years inflation has outgrown revenue increases threefold with very little planned to provide for long-term, stable funding at a State level.
Lane ESD	\$4.50	\$1,938,000	No - All Cases	We'd use the current funds to offset the failure, so that part is true. It will definitely effect us because we still haven't recovered from the 5-special-session fiasco. If the tax funds aren't available, our funding will still be below what it was three years ago, with no hope of restoring staff and programs that our districts deem as essential.

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Bethel	\$4.80	\$4-4,200,000 a 12% reduction in general funds	Yes - High Cost Special Needs Students	<p>The Bethel School District will be seriously impacted by the roll back of the tax assessment. Increases in fixed costs will equate to over \$2 million for the FY 05 budget cycle. We have mandates for implementing the federal No Child Left Behind Law (NCLB) that will require, minimally, \$200,000 to \$500,000. We currently are fortunate to have the Eugene 2067 levy, which will provide for \$1.1 million through FY 07, but we must start now to save and plan for the day it ceases to exist. We are accruing \$2 million from FY 05 to balance the FY 04 budget currently, and expect to do the same with the FY 06 budget for FY 05. Our ending fund balance went from \$3.2 million on July 1, 2002 to \$900,000 a year later. This money was need to make up for shortfalls in state revenues that were made known after FY 03 was well underway. Finally, PERS contribution rates are likely to increase in FY 06.</p> <p>In addition to these items, we have several key curricular initiatives focused on improving student academic performance, particularly in the areas of math and reading at grades 6 through 12. These initiatives req training, additional staff, and material resources and are essential to continually improving student achievement.</p>
Cottage Grove	\$4.90	\$2,100,000-3,200,000 from a \$20.5 Million General fund	No - All Cases	It will lessen the blow but I took that into consideration when I answered the questions above.

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Pleasant Hill	\$4.80	\$800,000	No - All Cases	<p>That argument is coming from the same misinformed, mean-spirited individuals, who proclaim that we do not have a funding problem in public education, but a spending problem. Absent passage of the ballot measure in February, the reality is that the PHSD will have totally exhausted its once healthy fund balance thus making very deep licensed personnel cuts unavoidable.</p> <p>Failure of the measure will result in the loss of approximately \$800,000 in '2004-05. As a consequence, the PHSD will have no other choice but to cut regular classroom teaching positions in anticipation of '04-05. During the prior four years, inadequate state funding for K-12 education, coupled with declining enrollment, has necessitated reductions in all other areas. Total program cuts and reductions made from 1999 to the present school year are approaching \$2,500,000. Suffice to say, the PHSD's ability to continue to realize our primary mission will be severely compromised.</p>
McKenzie #68	\$5	\$255,000	No - All Cases	<p>Because of the \$97,000 error in ODE SSF for McKenzie, if measure fails, we will be hit hard. They over funded us, their mistake and we owe them \$97,000 off the top.</p>

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Creswell	\$5.10	\$800K-\$1M If that were to happen, we would cease to function as a viable school district and we'd scramble to consolidate with Eugene, if they'd have us.	No - All Cases	We didn't budget at 4.8 as some did so we have our backs to the wall in this regard...we have no wiggle room in other words. We also have no local revenue sources like Eugene's voted levy, Hynix bonus, and city tax for "after school programs." I think the likelihood of the rejection is strong because the major school districts ----Portland, Eugene, Corvallis, Salem, et. al. have insulated themselves with local revenue and it doesn't matter too much to them if the tax is rejected...they do not have the incentive to get out and support the tax. These schools have budgeted at 4.8 and made up the difference locally to what would be comparable to a state level of over \$6B. I would like to see the results. I believe those mid-sized schools like Creswell, JC, PH, and FR are particularly vulnerable---we simply don't qualify for any "extra" money from the state and our conservative voters will not step in to help---Measure 28 and our last attempt at a voted levy in this district went down by nearly identical 70-30 margins.

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Eugene	\$4.80	<p>\$12.24 million in 04-05 Eugene School District will lose \$12.4 million in funding for 2004-05 (next school year), based on the schedule of budget cuts adopted by the legislature.</p> <p>We would forego ongoing add backs so that we can carry forward as much money as possible to bridge that \$12.4 million funding gap. We would consider cutting schools days as well as cutting staff and programs to balance the budget. We are reluctant to increase class sizes again. Teachers are already have difficulty meeting the needs of students who need extra help. Some middle and high school classes in core subjects have 40-50 students. An important part of the story is that these potential cuts come after many years of staff reductions. The Eugene School District has cut significantly over the last 10 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We cut 78 staff, including 55 teaching FTE in 2002-03 (last school year), causing class sizes to increase. - Over the last decade, regular classroom teachers have been cut 20% across the district. For example, South Eugene High School has about the same number of teachers as in 1994. - We have cut central administrative staff. - Special education students have 	Yes - Special Needs Students	It is important to understand that all the revenue loss will come in 2004-05, so many districts will have additional fund balance in 2003-04 if they don't add back services. So the problem hits in 2004-05. District 4J would save as much as possible in 2003-04 to offset a portion of the \$12.4 million revenue drop in 2004-05. Assuming a PERS reserve, significant cuts will be necessary in 2004-05; without the reserve, cuts will still be necessary, even with the assistance of a \$5.5 million City levy.

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Mapleton	\$4.79	\$243,843 It would be financially impossible for us to exist as a school district.	Yes - Transportation & Small School Supplement	None
Lane Community College	\$5.05	LCC built its budget on the Gov's balanced budget. Therefore the loss of revenue, if the measure is rejected, will not have an effect on the 04-05 year. However, it needs to be noted that LCC will lose \$900,000 in revenue over the biennium should the measure be rejected.	Not Applicable	LCC has over the several years and particularly in the past two years made huge reductions. The loss of \$900,000 will continue deferred maintenance on our facilities. It should also be noted that over the last two years the College has increased tuition approximately 28% each year. Tuition is now at \$63 per credit and was \$49 per credit last year.
Senior & Disabled Services	NA	\$826,000	Not Applicable	Does not apply to S&DS. The reductions will be the loss of direct services to approximately 159 clients and the funding for 2 Case Managers, 1 Clerk, and .33 FTE Supervisor. This is approximately 10% of the estimated reduction in Lane County's Human Services.