

**Executive Numbered Memo 006-2018-19
High School Success Funding Planning**

TO: Superintendents and High School Success Leaders
FROM: Colt Gill, Director of the Oregon Department of Education
DATE: June 7, 2019
RE: High School Success Funding Planning

High School Success is an accelerant for planning, professional learning and expanding learning experiences, all of which boost graduation rates and ensure equity and access for every student.

Your efforts help more students graduate from high school, ready for success in college or career. Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of Oregon’s students, families and communities and upholding our shared commitment to equity and excellence for every learner.

[House Bill 3427](#), the Student Success Act (SSA) was passed by the Oregon Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown last month. With approval of current funding levels for HB 5015, the SSA will enable full funding for High School Success (Measure 98) next biennium (2019-2021). HB 5015 is scheduled for a work session Wednesday June 12. The two house bills, 5015 and 3427, complement each other to provide full funding for High School Success.

The funding increase necessitates changes to some of the policies and structures of High School Success. Outlined below are the major changes you can expect in the upcoming biennium.

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Allocation Calculations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated Membership Numbers were used for school districts. Actual Student Counts were used for charter schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counts from second period data from the prior year will be used for all recipients each year of the two-year agreement.

<p>Grant Agreements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One-Year Grant Agreements. ● 2017-2019 – Covered 49 percent of estimated allocation. ● 2018-2019 – Covered remainder of actual allocation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two-Year Grant Agreement with amendment for 2020-2021 to be executed upon certification of 2020 second period data. ● 2019-2021– Covers 49 percent of the allocation for the biennium to reimburse eligible expenses from July 2019 - July 2021. ● 2020-2021 - Covers 51 percent of the allocation for the biennium to reimburse eligible expense from July 2020-June 2021.
<p>Distribution of Funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Received two <i>individually</i> calculated allocations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allocation <i>estimates</i> (\$170 million estimate and \$303.2 million estimate). ● 49 percent of the estimated allocation will be available in July, 2019. ● Remaining 51 percent of the estimated allocation will be available in July, 2020.
<p>New Charter School Applicants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Received an allocation for the second year of the biennium (2018-2019) based off of <i>enrollment projections</i> for the 2018-2019 school year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any school that did not serve students in any grade 9-12 during the <i>2018-2019 School Year</i> will not receive funding for the unserved grades until the following year (2020-2021) of second period ADMw data becomes available.

Funding for 2019-21

Funds are anticipated for reimbursement based on full funding for High School Success (\$303.2 Million). Upon execution of grant agreements, districts will have access to reimbursements for

eligible expenses incurred on July 1, 2019 or after, for up to 49 percent of the full biennial funding allocation for all eligible expenses.

In Oregon's initiative process, individuals or groups may refer all or part of legislation to voters by gathering a specified number of signatures. If a group is able to gather enough signatures, the Student Success Act may be placed on the statewide ballot in January 2020. Oregonians would have the opportunity to reaffirm their support for this investment.

If due to an election or some unknown statewide factor, High School Success cannot be fully funded, each recipient's allocation for the 2019-21 biennium will likely go back to the \$170 Million rate. If High School Success is not fully funded, an amendment to grant agreements will be made to reflect each school or district's allocation amount at the \$170 Million funding level.

Your Planning Process

Participants should plan based on full funding for reimbursement distribution (estimate attached), but also plan for a contingency roll-back funding at \$170 million for the biennium (estimate attached). If at any point a decision is made to reduce High School Success funding, ODE will connect with participants so that they may implement their contingency plan. **Please review the [funding formula](#) and estimates ([\\$170 million estimate](#) and [\\$303.2 million estimate](#)) and notify Laura Foley at ODE in writing prior to Friday, June 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm of any concerns you have regarding the estimates.** Our staff are available to help develop contingency plans and provide any support you need.

Also, be sure your locally adopted budgets include the appropriate spending authority for the plan you ultimately submit to ODE.

If you have any questions, please contact [Laura Foley](#), Director of Secondary/Post-Secondary Transitions, at 503-947-5656.