

Fund lack dispiriting teachers

A new Oregon State University (OSU) survey suggests that many Oregon kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers are becoming increasingly frustrated by the state's budget woes.

The results are that the combination of low salaries, larger classrooms and fewer resources is causing many educators to rethink their profession, move out-of-state, or seek additional employment, according to the study.

Most of the teachers surveyed said they would prefer to move across the state borders.

"Oregon is in danger of facing an epidemic of teacher burnout and attrition," said LeoNora Cohen, an associate professor of education at OSU. "Teaching is not an easy profession to begin with, and the added stresses of job insecurity, growing classrooms and dwindling support are exacerbating the problems."

Cohen and a team of graduate students surveyed 90 teachers in Oregon on their perceptions of the funding crisis in Oregon public schools. The lengthy questionnaires focused on teacher attitudes, personal and financial issues, classroom and working conditions, and changes in the teaching profession.

Not surprisingly, said OSU, many of the respondents said they enjoyed teaching less today than they did five years ago, though they felt student achievement is comparable. As a group, however, they expressed a low degree of optimism for the direction Oregon public schools are going.

"Oregon has very high standards for teaching, there has been an enormous impact from the 'No Child Left Behind' mandate; the retirement system is failing; and now the lack of a budget cushion is adding multiple pressures on teachers," Cohen said. "It isn't just teachers who are discouraged -- it is parents, community leaders, and students themselves."

"Our education woes haven't gone unnoticed nationally, either," she added. "Oregon is fast becoming known as 'the Mississippi of the West'."

Cohen said the survey -- which she calls exploratory, yet important -- tapped into a vein of frustration that many Oregon K-12 teachers are feeling. The "big picture" issues of larger classrooms and fewer teachers are well-documented, she said, but teachers point to a variety of issues that affect student learning yet may not be as visible.

A growing number of students are on Individual Education Programs (IEPs) and that, coupled with the loss of teacher aides, can have a profound effect on classrooms, said OSU.

In the OSU survey, 81 percent of the teachers say they are teaching more students with special needs than five years ago. Many of these students have at-

SUNDAY EVENING/LATE NIGHT												JANUARY 25, 2004											
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