

*the very foundation of our government.'*

**What do you think of the idea that schools should be run like a business?**

We do a very efficient job of management. There's a lot of difference between business and education. We have a job to serve all students. There isn't a business that doesn't have a niche. We have to serve all niches.

**Where can you find more money now?**

That's a dialogue we're going to have with our Legislature and our community. In every community I've been in, people have had the ability to say we want to invest more in the education of our children. Here, the local option levy is very limited. Eugene is a community that has a strong investment in education, and I'm sure would invest much more if they could. We have to look at the funding system in Oregon.

Oregon has the second largest class size in the country and some of the lowest per pupil spending. If adults are providing less to their children than they receive themselves, I believe that is very problematic. Our goal is to offer our children a better life than the one we had.

Probably when you went to school, you had an art teacher, a music teacher, physical education teacher, librarian — none of those exist at the elementary level now. We have essentially told the classroom teacher, you're it.

**Should the best teachers be put in the hardest schools?**

Some of our best teachers are already in our hardest schools. Schools attract teachers when there's a strong professional community and attractive leadership. That's our goal for the schools that have the most at-risk students. Take a look at Chavez, you've got a great principal there, you've got a great faculty. It's a highly attractive building, it has all the elements, and people feel very satisfied and kids are doing well. The commitment of the faculty is pretty extraordinary.

**But their scores are lower ...**

Their scores are lower, but those students are making extraordinary growth. They are actually probably making greater growth than other students.

**It seems like there's a morale issue with teachers now. How do you make them happier?**

Sometimes the profession gets painted by the very few, very problematic teachers. The vast majority of our teachers are very high performing and very talented. I've been telling our teachers, you have to hold your head up high. The work you do is vitally important, and you are making a terrific contribution with children. **EW**

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