

SLSD updated on Governor's education budget proposal

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Gov. Kate Brown's proposed budget includes an additional \$1.9 billion for the state's schools as part of approximately \$8 billion marked for education in the 2019-2021 balanced budget.

Interim South Lane School District Superintendent Larry Sullivan updated the school board on the governor's proposal on Monday, Dec. 17.

"Not a lot new at this point," he said, "I just wanted

to share it."

Brown's budget proposes approximately half of the general and lottery funds be earmarked for education to tackle the state's poor graduation rate and over-crowded classrooms.

In South Lane, the graduation rate for Cottage Grove High School has consistently been higher than other districts around the state—finishing in the top four spots across the state which averages about a 74 percent graduation rate. Kennedy High

School, the community's alternative high school, has a graduation rate that hovers below 20 percent but when that statistic is stretched out to include five-year completion rates, it nearly doubles.

48.21 percent of the general and lottery fund is set to go to education while the next largest percent—27.61 percent—is for human services.

Approximately \$800 million, under Brown's plan, would be used to help districts increase the school year to 180 days. According to

Sullivan, South Lane currently operates under a 177-day calendar. The state average is about 165 days while the national average is 180.

"To go up to 180 days we'd have to go back and renegotiate with our staff," he said, noting it would cost between \$60,000 and \$80,000 a day to add those three days back.

Brown's budget also includes fully investing in Measure 98—a college readiness and dropout prevention initiative—by adding \$133 million for Career Technical

Education. Previously, Measure 98 was funded at around 56 percent. To increase classroom diversity, Brown set aside \$60 million.

The proposed budget also sets aside funds to increase early childhood education and kindergarten classes. Brown proposes expanding up to one-third of half-day kindergarten classes to full-day at a cost of just over \$285 million.

"What has happened every year I've been doing this," school board member Taylor

Willour, "is that the Governor's recommended budget has come in way below the current service level calculation and then through lobbying and whatnot, we've managed to get that number back up so we're starting from a much better point."

Sullivan reminded the board that the update did not differ greatly from the last update but he would continue to keep the board in the loop, adding, "As we look at the budget this year, what are our priorities as a district?"

County Commissioners announce adoption of new plan for Mt. Pisgah

The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously on Dec. 18 to adopt the new Parks Master Plan that will guide investments and priorities for Lane County's 68 parks for the next 20 years.

The board also unanimously adopted the new Habitat Management Plan for Howard Buford Recreation Area (Mt. Pisgah), which is Lane County's largest and most-visited park.

"We are thrilled to have reached adoption for both of these plans," said Parks

Manager Brett Henry. "Our parks are loved and well used by the community. With these plans that reflect our community's values for parks, we can continue to make sure they are special places for generations to come."

Parks Master Plan

The Parks Master Plan includes six goals identified through community input and the work of a citizen-led, 23-member task force. The goals are:

1. Collaborate — Engage

residents, volunteers, interest groups, educational providers, businesses and local, state, and federal agencies as partners in the coordinated effort to expand, enhance, interpret, provide, and protect parks, natural areas, trails and recreation opportunities across Lane County.

2. Connect — Attract people to nature, the outdoors and county parks by providing a variety of experiences, improving park and facility access, increasing stewardship, supporting environmental education/

nature interpretation, and improving communication.

3. Create vibrancy — Re-invigorate and revitalize key parks as thriving, family-friendly outdoor activity hubs through redesign, renovation and programming to help position Lane County as the best county for outdoor recreation and play.

4. Generate economic vitality — Create a strategic and holistic park management approach that balances local needs with opportunities to create economic benefits in surrounding communities and/or to generate revenue to re-invest in parks.

5. Protect resources — Sustain and protect unique county assets, cultural and natural resources as our legacy for future generations.

6. Reflect our values — Emphasize our diverse, natural character and make high impact, low-cost moves to maintain sites, sustain infrastructure and

improve the quality, safety and attractiveness of park amenities, landscaping and recreation facilities.

Habitat Management Plan

Howard Buford Recreation Area (HBRA), also commonly known as Mt. Pisgah, is Lane County Parks' largest and most-visited park, boasting a total of 2,215 acres with 28 miles of trail and more than 400,000 annual visitors.

The park also contains 1,000 acres of rare prairie, oak savanna and oak woodland habitat, which is one of the largest remnants of these habitats in public ownership in the Willamette Valley.

The plan, developed in partnership with Friends of Howard Buford Recreation Area and Mt. Pisgah, used science-based planning analysis methods developed by The Nature Conservancy and contains 15 management goals, including:

- Maintaining and im-

proving the park's trail system to minimize ecological impacts while providing access to park visitors.

- Restoring and enhancing prairie, savanna and oak woodland habitats.

- Improving the ecological health of streams and floodplain habitats.

Ultimately, the plan would result in an additional 500 acres of restored prairie, savanna and oak woodland.

The processes to develop both plans included extensive public outreach and opportunity for input.

The Parks Master Plan process included a citizen-led Parks Master Plan Task Force with representatives from across Lane County that helped develop and prioritize the items. The county's citizen-led Parks Advisory Committee provided oversight of both plans.

Both plans will be included in the county's Rural Comprehensive plan.

Worship Directory

DRAIN:
HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
10:00am
Christian Education:
Pre-K through 5th
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun:
9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd.
541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Kevin Pruett
www.cg4.tv
Full Children's Ministry available
Services: 9:00am & 10:45am

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711 • Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the
Auditorium

First Baptist Church
301 S. 6th St • 541-942-8242
Interim Pastor: Reed Webster
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 11:00am
Youth Wednesday 6:30pm
cgfirstbaptist.com

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479
Rev.: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
fpcgrove.com

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
www.hopefellowshipupc.com
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467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Worship Services Sundays: 9a & 11a
Youth Worship Sundays: 11a (all ages
welcome)
Mondays: 5:30p (6th-12th grades)

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave
541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravcoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
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Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen
Holy Mass:
Tue-Thu: 8:30am; Sat: 5:30pm
Sun: 10:30am
Confession: After daily mass,
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell
552 Holbrook Lane
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
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Worship: Sunday 10:30am
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Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education
9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
tlccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
umcgrove.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

CRESWELL:
Creswell Presbyterian Church
75 S 4th S • 541-895-3419
Rev. Seth Wheeler
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website www.creswellpres.org

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