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***Letter from your President-***

Dear Colleagues,

These past few months of advocating for funding and a better school experience for our students and staff has been exciting and trying. It is inspiring to see educators coming together to demand better conditions for our students, more access to mental health, counselors, nurses, etc. but it is also disappointing to hear that we're going into the next biennium with less funding. The Ways and Means committee cut \$200 million from our current budget. For Centennial, that means a deficit of \$830,000 which means we're in yet another cuts budget.

Although this news is discouraging we cannot lose hope and need to continue to fight to take back our profession and be the voice for our students. I want to thank all the staff members who came out to our two local action days on February 13 and March 13 - your attendance at those events helped raise awareness in our community about what our students need and that our current funding is not coming even close.

We have two major events coming up. If we sit back and do nothing, we can almost guarantee that nothing will change. We need Centennial educators to stand up and be a voice for us. As a smaller district, we often get overshadowed by the larger ones in our area but it is important that we stand up for our students and community.

**Upcoming Events:**

April 10:  
*School Board meeting*  
District Office, 7:00 pm

April 18:  
*Rep Council meeting*  
UniServ Office, 4:00 pm

April 24:  
*School Board meeting*  
District Office, 7:00 pm

The first event is **Take it to the Max on Wednesday April 10**. We are asking members (feel free to bring your family too!) around the Portland metro area to ride the Max to Pioneer Square. We are going to flood downtown with a sea of red and let our state know that we are not going to accept the budget that has been proposed. If you don't live by a Max station, we are going to meet at the UniServ office around 3:30 (501 NE Hood Avenue) and ride the Max from there. The event is fairly short. The goal is to be at Pioneer Square by 4:45 and then we'll disperse by 5:30.

The next event is a statewide day of action on **May 8** that may include a walkout. The details are not finalized and we will be



## To the Point

### **Your Representatives:**

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Patrick O'Brien

#### **Centennial High School:**

Adrian Hardin  
Rob Havrilla  
Kevin Christie  
Brice Cloyd

working with the district to see how this can work in Centennial. If we did move forward with a walkout, it would be a non-student contact day. How amazing would it be to have all 45,000 educators in the state of Oregon, demanding to fully fund our schools?! We know there are lots of concerns and questions and we also know we have people who are ready to jump on board right away - as we know more we will be sharing it with members. Since there is a time crunch, we may be sending more information through our personal emails to communicate next steps and needs so please be on the lookout.

This is our time. If we do not stand up now, then when? In the meantime, please contact your legislators, share this information with your family, friends, neighbors and join us on April 10. We need Centennial staff.

Your reps will be sharing more information at your next 10 minute meeting.

Thank you,

~ Avery Hendrickson

### **Know Your Contract!**

If you want to use some of your tuition credits to attend a conference/ professional development you MUST follow the procedure:

1. Complete an "Intent to Register" form (just like you would if you were taking a class). DO NOT REGISTER for anything yet.
2. Send the form in for approval by HR.
3. When you receive the approval, you will get a 2nd form back and detailed instructions on what expenses you can claim and how to receive reimbursements. NOW you can register!



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