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TO: Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, & Members of the Joint Subcommittee On Ways and Means On Education

DATE: Mar 22, 2023

FROM: Kai Turner, Assistant Superintendent Office of Finance & Information Technology

RE: Additional Follow-up regarding AP/IB Exams

Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, and Members of the Joint Subcommittee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education,

Thank you so much for giving us more time to provide information regarding AP/IB Exams. We are more than happy to continue providing information to you on our work and look forward to our continued partnership on behalf of all Oregon students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need further clarification.

With gratitude,
Kai Turner

Questions & Answers

Question: Are there enough funds for AP/IB Exams?

Response:

The AP/IB test fee program has two parts:

- *a full fee waiver for students who meet the federal guidelines for free and reduced lunch, and*
- *a fee subsidy, reducing the cost of all tests in Oregon*

For example, this year (2023) tests will be free for students experiencing poverty. For all other students, that subsidy will be \$25 for each test, bringing the cost of an AP test in Oregon to \$72 instead of \$97, and the cost of an IB test to \$94 instead of \$119.

The test fee program has been funded consistently since it was established in 2003, with one exception. In August of 2020, the legislature made cuts to the state's budget, and one of those cuts was eliminating roughly 75% of the funding for the test fee program. No subsidies were provided for the



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testing in spring of 2021, but the program was still able to cover the full test fees for students experiencing poverty.

Full funding for the program was restored by the legislature in 2022, and ODE has been able to provide both the full fee waiver for students experiencing poverty and the subsidy for all tests since that time.