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I am actually opposed to pouring more money from any source into a currently failing education system. Currently Oregon is #15 in per student spending but is ranked #48 in academic rating. Quite frankly you don't need a PhD to conclude it isn't \$ that are the problem, but what is happening (or not happening) in the schools/classrooms is where the problem exists. I suggest contacting the education departments in the top 5 states and find out what their curriculum is and then utilize that for our schools.

What I do suggest regarding utilizing kicker funds for is to adequately fund the state DOT. The kicker has \$1.5 billion in the account and the DOT needs \$486 million, simple math and the DOT is fully funded with \$1 billion still in the kicker account. Run that past the voters as there is no way we the people are going to approve the largest tax/fee hike in Oregon's history, the overwhelming opposition to that is a reality.