Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR-03), a member of the House Budget and Ways and Means Committees, announced that Oregon will receive $5.81 million to turn around its persistently lowest achieving schools through the School Improvement Grants (SIG) program. The funds are part of $546 million available to states for the School Improvement Grant program in fiscal year 2010.

“Every Oregon student deserves the opportunity to attend an excellent school,” **said Blumenauer** . “ That is why I am pleased that our chronically underperforming schools will be getting some help. This grant is a great start to turn around some of Oregon’s most challenged schools and provide students with the best possible learning environment.”

The $5.81 million made available to Oregon is being distributed by formula to the state and will then be competed out by the state to school districts.