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I am an assistant Principal at North Valley High School in Grants Pass, Or. We are a rural school and 52% of our student body qualifies for free or reduced fee school lunch .Money is and has always been tight for many of them. Approximately 35% of our students have at least one parent who did not graduate from high school. The gift of the OREGON PROMISE has opened a door of opportunity for several of my students. They now have a chance to go to our local community college and complete a certificate program that can lead to a good job. They also can get the first two years of college paid for which cuts the cost in half. They may have to willingly take on student loans but the debt becomes manageable. I know of no other investment that is as important as our children's future. They deserve to be well educated future citizens with job/career training and opportunities. The Oregon Promise opens a door for many let's PLEASE keep the door open.
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