

Good morning Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, and members of the committee:

It is really an honor to get to speak to you this morning! For the record my name is Jenna Schadler and I'm a Grant Liaison in the North Clackamas School District. For the past three and a half years, I have been part of our school district Collaboration Fund work. I have also served on the Governor's Council for Educator Advancement since 2016. Prior to that, I spent 5 years as a 4th/5th grade teacher, and 7 years as an English Language Development specialist in elementary and middle school.

As you know, the Governor's Council identified ten recommendations to help empower teachers as they embark on the amazing journey of fostering and inspiring student learning. Building on those recommendations, the Educator Advancement Council was formed through the passage of Senate Bill 182. Thank you for passing this important piece of legislation.

Since passage of SB 182, the EAC has worked to create a system that will transform how we recruit, prepare and support our educator workforce as they move throughout their career. I have been fortunate enough to be involved in this powerful work and want to share just one success story about a teacher leader in my district who is quiet and takes everything in. In the past, some might have overlooked her. Through the Collaboration Fund work, she was able to develop her skills and voice as a leader. This winter, she went to her school and proposed a new system for professional learning that was led by teacher leaders. Since January, she has been leading the work and training teacher leaders as they engage in collaborative teams to address systemic issues like attendance, engagement and equitable practices. And she is rocking it!

Why do I share this story? This is just one example of the amazing, systemic changes that can happen if teacher leaders are supported, empowered and allowed to lead. From day one, the Governor's Council and the EAC have elevated the importance of teacher leaders in this work. Please support the Governor's Recommended Budget for the Educator Advancement Council so educators can continue to be part of this exciting change in Oregon's educational system.

Thank you,

Jenna Schadler