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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

It is really time we worked to fund our schools more adequately. I work in the school as a reading tutor and I see so many students that each year continue to fall further and further behind in their ability to read. When a teacher has a large classroom how can they give students the time to help them overcome the delays they have. Every year it just gets worse and so much harder to ever catch. If they even can.

Teachers are expected to be able to work with those on target as well as challenge those that are a head and still work with those falling through the cracks. How is it possible to meet the needs of 30 children when each one is at a different level in learning, maturity, needs.

I have spent many many years volunteering my time in classrooms to try and ease the teachers in what ever way I can. My oldest children are in their forties so you could say I have volunteered in classrooms for over 35 years. I have seen tag programs cut, special needs classrooms suffering, loss of arts and music in the schools. The fact that recess needs to be counted as part of the physical education is appalling.

Not all schools are created equal. You can see as you walk into a school those that have money and advantages.

As a tutor I have been in a lot of the Portland area schools and everyone of them is lacking. Things need to change. I have a 23 year old son that graduated from high school at Roosevelt and entered college ready to become an engineer. Other students entering were way ahead of him and already had beginning engineering backgrounds. I ask you how does this make it possible for students to compete in this world.

I have a daughter that entered high school this year and was not ready. She is and was a special needs child and her middle school years were not equipping her for the next level.

Please as you consider money for our children think of the needs of different students. There learning styles there mental and social health. The diversity and the need to make our future generations able to compete in this world.

We are so far behind so many countries and states. We are losing ground by the minute. Let's stop wasting these students that are our future. As a parent and tutor and advocate it's time to do what's best for them, for our state, for our country, and for the future of the world

Sincerely,

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