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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Public education is the backbone of a successful democratic society. It must be fully supported if we want an equitable society where all children are provided with the tools to succeed. My oldest child has been attending public school for the past six years. Over that time I have seen reductions in art offerings, decreased library support, increases in class sizes and a decrease in classroom staffing. Our teachers do amazing work with what they have available to them, but it feels like everyone is stretched too thin. Schools need more support.

As the auction co-chair for the past two years at Glencoe Elementary in Portland, I have seen this for myself. Our fundraising pays for our half-time Reading Specialist, for hourly IT support and for a math tutor. I wish that we had funding for a full time Reading Specialist, whose position would be paid for by the district. I've been willing to do the work, but public school after public school putting on endless fundraisers is a waste and a Band-aid. What we really need is more funding from Salem. Please help!

Sincerely,

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