

From: susan.beal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Beal](#)
To: [JCSS Exhibits](#)
Subject: April 11 Hearing - Supportive testimony for HB 2019
Date: Friday, April 12, 2019 9:48:58 AM

Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Dear Rep. Nosse and Sen. Taylor,

I'm a constituent and PPS parent in your district and truly appreciate all your dedicated work for education funding.

While I think the Student Success bill is a good start, I sincerely hope that we can fully fund our K-12 schools with a more generous budget of \$4 billion - \$2 billion more than it currently includes, which is supposed to cover early education and K-12 and has unnecessary strings attached like grants and standardized testing. We need to keep class sizes low, provide mental health and counseling services in schools, adequately pay our educators, fix crumbling facilities, and support our kids most at risk.

Nike and other corporations should NOT be influencing how much is budgeted for schools, and how it is allocated. Parents and teachers don't interfere with how they run their business operations, and they should stay out of our education funding, except to actually pay their fair share in taxes. I've lived in Oregon for 22 years and never seen so much money in our communities; a reasonable and fair percentage of this wave of wealth needs to be supporting our most crucial public services.

We stand with our PPS teachers and families asking for full funding of our schools statewide in every district. I know each of you are PPS parents as well and know the stress of inadequate budgets and the heartbreak of losing staff members and programs. This is our year to change the status quo together.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Susan Beal
3131 SE Woodward St Unit A Portland, OR 97202-1579