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Dear Members of the Committee:

My name is Cherise Arthur and I am a Campus Supervisor in the Beaverton School District. I have been an employee of the Beaverton School District for 14 years and also a former student of this district as well. I have lived in my community for my entire life. I have seen many changes to our school system over those years.

I am writing to you today with the urgent need and plea to invest in our schools according to the investment package of \$2 billion per biennium as proposed in House Bill 2019. This proposal contains many great elements for our public education system in Oregon and it is needed to sustain the quality of education our students deserve. When this is combined with the current proposed levels for the State School Fund, this investment in education will help support closing the gap to the current funding level that is defined in the Quality Education Model (QEM).

It is very disheartening, if not demoralizing for my coworkers and staff to once again be faced with cuts that will have a negative impact on the students that we are entrusted to serve. There is a need to keep class sizes smaller and staff at it's current level. Without passage of this bill, our district could loose almost 200 teachers which would increase class sizes again. This is unacceptable. We are already at class sizes of more than 40 students to one teacher, and that is not acceptable.

Over the years I have seen how cuts have affected our staff and students. At one time the ratio for public safety in our buildings was one campus supervisor for each 400 students. That ratio is much higher. At my high school we have over 2500 students and only four campus supervisors for that facility. Some buildings only have two where this is a need for at least three or four security positions.

We ask for your support in passed H.B, 2019 that will support our students and ensure a quality education in our district.

With kind regards,

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