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RE: HB 2019
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Co-chairs Roblan and Smith-Warner and members of the committee,
As the parent of my daughter who is student of DAVID DOUGLAS ARTHUR ACADEMY charter school. I want to thank you for working to raise close to \$2 billion in new revenue for schools during this legislative session. This investment in public education is critical for the future of our state.

I understand that the Joint Committee on Student Success (JCSS) has been tasked with developing the policy package to improve student success and design the new revenue to fund that package. I also understand that the JCSS is considering the School Improvement Account as the mechanism for flowing new revenue generated for education to local school districts.

The School Improvement Fund, as originally written, prohibits the Oregon Department of Education from making a grant directly to a public charter school and does not require that districts share their grant dollars with the public charter schools in their district.

I cannot state this strongly enough: charter school students deserve to be included in the Fund.

- The Joint Committee on Student Success is considering leaving 40,000 of Oregon's public charter school students without access to programs and services that would be funded by \$1 billion in new education funding.
- Charter school students are public students: as a state we cannot continue to treat charter school students as 2nd class.
- This will further exacerbate funding inequities between district run and charter schools. K - 8 grade charter schools only receive 80% of the State School Fund dollars allocated to public schools, per pupil (High Schools receive 95%).
- Measure 98/High School Success grants provide us an example of how state investments can be inclusive of public charter school students

I urge you to ensure that public charter school students are included in the new investments made with the School Improvement Account in HB 2019.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chi Vuu