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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing as first-year teacher in the Beaverton School District with four years of prior education experience domestically and abroad. As a teacher at an IB school in China, the government spared no expense to ensure the children at our school were well funded and provided for in terms of materials, technology, and instructors. Because of this investment, students had opportunities to think critically and receive the attention they needed to succeed and feel successful.

This needs to happen in Oregon. Cuts this year put my position at risk because it's my first year in the district and I absolutely love my job. I never thought I would love a job as much as the one in China, but here I am, working with kids that benefit from my experience and expertise. With these cuts, class sizes are rumored to be going up from an already unreasonable size of 30-35 to 40-45. Not only do our classrooms not support this amount of kids, but I'm wondering how I, or other teachers, are ever going to be able to provide meaningful formative and summative feedback on at least 150 essays that are at least three pages long while continuing to plan our daily lessons.

Fund our schools. Our kids needs us.

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Currently reading

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Just finished

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander