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Hi,

I am writing to urge a strong investment in education, especially at this critical time. As an elementary principal and parent of three school aged children in the Beaverton School District, I have seen how a lack of funding has impacted students. I have been in education for 20 years and always hear the refrain that we are working on getting more funds. Now is the time to fix it.

Investment in education can make a difference for kids now. For example, my students can be in manageable class sizes if more funding were allocated. Next year, across Beaverton, we are projected at 30+ in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades. Class sizes make a difference in education. Imagine your child in a classroom with 29 other students or in a class with 20 other students. Any teacher will tell you, those extra 9 make a HUGE difference in how you teach and students learn. Being at a Title I School, most students live in poverty, that means that most of my students start the year below grade level in reading, math and writing. Any extra time a teacher can spend with students does make a certifiable impact in their learning.

Classroom behaviors also increase when class sizes increase. While we have limited support in our buildings to support social emotional needs this year, we need more! I cannot stress that enough. We need more funding to support students with behavioral challenges, educate staff, and create systems to help all students be successful at school.

Please fund our schools!

Erin Miles,

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