

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

I am writing in support of HB 3427.

I have been an educator for 20 years and have witnessed the effects of budget cuts that have continually happened since the 1990's.

Today's students are coming to school less prepared to interact socially and regulate emotions. Many more students have sensory issues that are exasperated by large class sizes. It is a daily occurrence in our schools that chairs and other objects are thrown causing harm to students and teachers and school resources.

Our students need more and we are giving them less. Larger class sizes and reduced support staff are setting our students up for failure.

We need consistent funding to support smaller class sizes and wrap-around services for students who are experiencing trauma at increasing rates. We need preschools that focus on inquiry play to help students be ready for learning in kindergarten and beyond.

PLEASE be a part of positive change for Oregon's students and vote YES on HB 3427.

Respectfully,

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