

Dear Legislature's Joint Committee on Student Success:

Investment in education can and will make a difference for all students in Oregon. Already teachers are overloaded with high caseloads and large class sizes, volumes of classes to adequately prepare for, handling student's emotional and social problems outside of the classroom that effect their classroom performance, and teaching all required classes. I haven't even mentioned other requirements such as : grading, sitting on committees vital to school culture and initiatives, and attending collaborating sessions with one another to improve student experience.

My experience with budget reductions in the past, has led to: teachers teaching classes they aren't qualified to teach, larger class sizes that make conferencing with individual students within the classroom a big challenge, reduction of immediate attention for students needing feedback and assistance in their learning process, less access to counselors and support staff, and overall reduction of a positive school climate because students feel the strain of teacher loads and reduction of services they are receiving.

Adequately funding schools is a dire requirement in order to prepare students to be engaged and contributing citizens in our communities. I implore you to find the resources needed to fund our schools before cutting 200 teaching positions n the Beaverton School District next year because of a resulting \$35 million budget deficit. This will only harm our students ultimately in getting the attention and education they both need and deserve.

Thank You for Your Attention, Consideration, and Efforts to Support Education,

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