For the past three decades, our state has continually missed opportunities to fully fund our schools. The time to act is now— and we have a landmark opportunity to do so. I urge you to vote Yes for The Student Success Act (HB 3427).

The Joint Committee on Student Success has been hard at work creating a proposal to remedy the underfunding of our schools and the shortchanging of our students. The Student Success Act would give our students the resources they need and the high-quality education they deserve.

The Student Success Act would create fairness in our tax system for the benefit of Oregon students. The draft proposes sweeping investments in early learning, equity, safety and social-emotional supports, with districts able to make choices about how they would use the money. It prioritizes protecting small businesses, while also providing needed revenue for our schools and students. With measures to ensure funds are being spent wisely, HB 3427 is an accountable way to finally provide critical revenue for Oregon schools.

This transformational investment in our schools would mean lower class sizes, increased graduation rates, expanded CTE programs, and safer schools through more social-emotional learning. Vote yes on HB 3427 to follow through on our promise to provide Oregon students a quality education.

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