

Good Evening,

As an educator of 20 years in Beaverton School District public schools, it is imperative that I take a moment to express my sincere hope for the push to fund education in Oregon adequately! It is in my deep belief that by supporting the proposal from the Joint Committee for Student Success (House Bill 3427) and create a \$2 billion dollar investment for our kids is imperative.

For the past 20 years (17 in the classroom and 3 mentoring/supporting brand new teachers), I have watched my students and teachers work harder and harder with fewer and fewer resources as an impact of the lack of funding from this state. I have watched class size sky rocket, making it impossible to meet the needs of all students in the classroom daily. The resources for our ever growing population of students in need, affected by trauma, poverty and mental health issues dwindle to meager means.

There is NO better job than educating our children. I am deeply grateful as a parent for those that do this work for my second grade daughter each day, but they need help. I need help. Veteran and Novice Teachers need help. And by supporting House Bill 3427 you will be showing the leadership I elected you to do, and giving our kids a chance to be their best because their teachers, administrators and para professionals fighting for them each day will be supported to be their best!

Thank you,

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