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Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

We've been underfunding our schools and shortchanging our students for decades. The time to act is now! This is a landmark opportunity to do the right thing for the students in Tigard Tualatin as well as all Oregon's children. The Student Success Act, HB 3427, 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. 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. During this session, Tigard Tualatin School District provided extensive testimony to the JCSS on fiscal accountability and smarter school spending methodology TTSD uses to ensure transparency and accountability for current SSF investments as well as JCSS investments once this bill passes. This transformational investment in our schools will mean lower class sizes, increased graduation rates, expanded CTE programs and safer schools through more social-emotional learning. Please vote Yes for The Student Success Act, HB 3427.

Regards,
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