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Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

Oregon has been not adequately funded our schools for years. Which means our children have not been getting the education they deserve and need, and the WE need them to get. One of the biggest problems is insufficient funding to hire enough teaching staff. That means no matter how many buildings we construct, and no matter how many computer updates we might be able to fund locally, there are simply too fee teachers. The classrooms are vastly over-crowded. This is particularly a problem in the grade shoools.

Things should never have gotten this bad, but it way past time to fix things. The Student Success Act, HB 3427, would help to give 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. 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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