

To Whom It May Concern,

As an educator I am urging you to support the Student Success initiative/tax. Our state needs to find a way to provide a constant investment in schools and this is a great step toward making this happen. Educating all of our students to become active global citizens and leaders is critical to the future of our state and nation.

I have worked in education in other states in which public school funding was more or less constant, and this allowed all educators to focus on what truly matters--educating our students and providing support and services to their families. Since working in Oregon, I have noticed that there are times when public education is thriving and well-funded, closely followed by periods in which funding is reduced/scarce and educators and families spend much energy trying to figure out the best way forward. This is a huge loss to our communities, as classrooms and schools work best when educators can concentrate on them.

I urge you to invest in public education, and support this measure.

With gratitude,
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