

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

For three decades, Oregon has cut school budgets, impacting the potential of students by cutting educators, eliminating essential education programs, and shortening the school year. This has directly resulted in an increase in student stress and depression, chronic absenteeism, and the nation's second lowest graduation rate.

Please vote yes on the Student Success Act, HB 3427 to provide the education resources, nutrition, preschool, career preparation, and support programs our students deserve.

Currently Oregon's corporate taxes are the lowest in the nation, ranked 50th. This measure would restore fairness to our tax system while protecting small businesses and ensuring accountability.

It would provide critically-needed revenue to strengthen Oregon schools. The long-term benefit of this would be an educated workforce, more family-wage jobs, a strong Oregon economy, stable families, and thriving communities.

This transformational investment in schools will bring 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. Over half a million Oregon kids -- and all who follow them -- are counting on you!

Regards,  
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