

April 21, 2019

Re: Letter of Support for HB 3263 Informational Hearing

To Chair Doherty and Members of the House Committee on Education:

As a teacher of middle-school language arts, I depend on my school librarian as I guide my students through the Common Core State Standards, a higher bar than we have ever held before.

Our librarian is my go-to colleague as I design instruction in topical research, analysis of literature, critical thinking, forming evidence-based arguments, evaluating sources, and building a growth mindset as we close the literacy deficit that comes from being a Title One school.

My librarian and I collaborate on unit planning, student growth goals for individual students, and building a culture of literacy in my classroom and in the school at large.

The state of Oregon cannot simultaneously embrace ambitious standards for student learning while cutting libraries to the bone. As we progress into this century, the need for exquisitely good library services will only grow.

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