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The Student Success Act is just that and desperately needs to be passed. Oregon should be investing in our children, our educational system, and in turn our future. This state has for too long not sufficiently invested in our kids in various ways, but the lack of educational supports is the most shocking in my opinion. As a public educator of a decade and a half, I came into the profession with the birth of Common Core and No Child Left Behind, no year since has not been riddled with financial anxieties and constant educational change. Teachers have been keeping up and making due with what has been thrown at them, but the students are the ones really paying the price. Proficiency grading has dropped our standards to the floor, while stretching teacher and resources to the brink. I am honestly shocked, as a transfer to Oregon from the Midwest, that corporations are not taxed to support education and social services, especially in the face of limited tax support from sales tax, and that the PERS system is so defunct and has been too long ignored. Please do your part to pass the Student Success Act and support our children, our schools, and our teachers!

Sincerely,

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