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**From:** **Ashley Gardiner** <[alyse.gardiner@gmail.com](mailto:alyse.gardiner@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 23, 2019 at 3:25 PM  
**Subject:** HB 3427  
**To:** <[Sen.KathleenTaylor@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Sen.KathleenTaylor@oregonlegislature.gov)>

Dear Senator Taylor,

I am writing to implore the leaders of this state to fund education. I am a kindergarten teacher and we are seeing dire consequences of the long-term lack of adequate funding for education in Oregon. Our school serves a community in poverty, and schools like ours suffer greatly from the lack of funding in many ways: funding basic science, art, band and other curricular areas, trying to fundraise for field trips, after-school clubs, and enrichment opportunities for our students who would not get them otherwise, and trying to meet the basic social and emotional needs of kids so they can engage in learning.

Please invest in your families' futures. HB 3427 is just a start to build back world-class education systems to ensure our state can contribute to the progress of our country. We need you to show your commitment to our communities and pass HB 3427.

Also, my husband and I are both teachers. We love our students and we love our jobs. This is my husband's second year teaching and the second time we have face uncertainty about whether funding will come through and enable him to keep his job. This is unacceptable! Teachers should not be living in constant fear of being laid off due to budget cuts.

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