

From the Desk of
Representative
Janeen Sollman

Invest in Students: Pass the Student Success Act (HB 3427-32)

Every single lawmaker has a chance to make history for Oregon students by voting YES on the Student Success Act.

This bill comes before you after 14 months of intense outreach and research by the Joint Committee on Student Success, touring 77 schools in communities around the state to speak with educators, families, and education experts about the state of Oregon schools and the impact on the students they serve. We want to thank the JCSS members for their work and approach and how they carried the true stories of what is happening in our school system with them in drafting the legislation that has culminated in this proposal.

This investment in our students, schools and communities will begin to turn around the decades of disinvestment that have left our schools in a crisis. Oregon has one of the largest average class sizes in the nation, among the lowest graduation rates, and an epidemic of disrupted learning as schools are unable to afford to meet students' needs.

The Student Success Act would be a transformative increase to funding for our schools and students. If passed, it will be the largest education investment package in Oregon history -- an 18% budget increase for elementary, middle, and high schools, full funding for Measure 98 and additional investment in early childhood learning. The Student Success Act's targeted and specific investments will reduce class sizes, broaden curriculum options through STEM and vocational programs, expand social-emotional learning, and increase graduation rates, reversing resource-related challenges that have plagued Oregon for more than 20 years.

A yes vote today will change the future for today's students and generations to come. Our students are counting on you. Please vote yes on the Student Success Act, HB 3427-32.



Handwritten notes and signatures, including the date 11/1/15 and a circled signature.