FROM THE DESK OF REPRESENTATIVE The Student Success Act BARBARA SHITH WARNER A historic \$2 billion investment in Oregon students that would transform our schools Harban Smith Warner A History of Disinvestment

In Oregon, we believe that strong schools can open doors of opportunity for all students - whether black, brown or white. When we provide our students and educators with the funding and specific tools that they need to thrive in the classroom, we can create an Oregon that lives up to its values of hope, opportunity, and fairness for all families.

But for nearly 30 years, we have deeply underfunded Oregon schools because corporations and special interests pay some of the lowest taxes in the country and have stalled any action on meaningful investment. This has left our schools in crisis: We have some of the largest class sizes and lowest graduation rates, and we have made deep cuts to key programs that Oregon students need.



The Student Success Act

That's why legislators have proposed the Student Success Act, a proposal to invest an unprecedented \$2 billion in additional funding in Oregon classrooms - helping to lower class sizes, expand access to early education and mental health, and restore vital programs such as art, music, PE, and career prep.

The Student Success Act would help all students to thrive, and it provides specific and strategic funding to close the opportunity gap — acknowledging the systemic racism and oppression that black and brown students, indigenous students, LGBTQ students, low-income students, and students with disabilities face in our society.

Student Success Act: Where the money will go

Student Success (\$2 billion)

Early Childhood (\$400 million)

The first five years are the foundation for a child's success in school and in life. This investment in young children and their families would expand access to preschool and Head Start, early childhood special education, and culturally specific programs for children of color and dual language learners.

Student investment account (\$1 billion)

School districts across the state have distinct needs. These non-competitive grants would provide funds for increased mental health support, programs that address the opportunity gap, smaller class sizes, more art, music, PE, and career prep programs, and additional support for low-income students.

Statewide Investments (\$600 million)

Across the state, the act would would provide greater acecess to healthy meals to students, fully fund the career prep courses in Measure 98, add resources for students with disabilities, create bullying and suicide prevention programs, and provide targeted teams to assist chronically challenged districts.