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Oregon House Education Committee  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2412, -2 Amendments

Chair Alonso Leon and Members of the House Education Committee,

I'm writing today to urge your support and adoption of the -2 amendments to HB 2412. This amendment includes funding for five different college access programs that were funded in the Governors Recommend Budget. These five programs provide valuable access and supports for low-income and historically underserved students and help them to achieve their post-secondary goals.

One such program is AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination. Grants Pass School District has been implementing AVID for five years. We were just in the beginning stages of implementation at our middle schools and potentially our elementary schools when COVID stalled our progress. We have seen great things come out of our implementation for individual students as well as our school wide practices. Culture has shifted as well as instructional practices. In order to get back on track and reinvigorate our work, professional development, staffing, and coordination will all be necessary. Additional funding to support this work would help us gain a lot of traction.

Thank you for your support of our work in the K – 12 system. We appreciate your advocacy and commitment to improving outcomes for the youth of our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trisha Evens".

Trisha Evens  
Director of Secondary Education