

March 18, 2021

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 or Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID is currently in 69 Oregon school districts, representing 214 secondary schools, 77 elementary schools and 11 K-8 combination schools. AVID's mission is to close opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

AVID partners with schools and districts to operationalize the AVID College & Career Readiness Framework that focuses on what adults need to do and what students need. Adults need to: insist on rigor, break down barriers, align the work and advocate for students. The actions create the foundation to provide what all students need: access to rigorous academic preparedness, opportunity knowledge and student agency.

During today's hearing on HB 2412, Claggett Creek Middle School, located in Keizer, OR was showcasing their AVID College Readiness System to nearly 200 attendees from across the country. Here, educators and leaders were able to see first-hand how the AVID College Readiness System is changing lives – for generations. Visit [Claggett Creek Showcase](#) to see the evidence of AVID in action in a middle school located just outside downtown Salem, OR.

There is no doubt that a quality education where staff and students are equipped with the skills and knowledge to prepare ALL students for success in college, career and life will benefit the future of Oregon. I urge you to support HB 2412 adopting the -2 amendments.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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