

To the Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of Senate Bill 414. I have one granddaughter, currently in the Oregon Public School system and one who will be starting next year.

Air quality is extremely important as children develop. Poor air quality can have severe consequences for, not only the health of the children, but also, the health of the teachers and other staff.

Improving air quality, even minimally, is associated with improved brain function and less absenteeism, as well as reduced infectious disease transmission, cardiovascular disease, and asthma attacks.

With longer and more intense fire seasons, our children need to be protected from unhealthy levels of particulate matter and carbon dioxide.

Please vote yes on SB 414 as improving air quality in schools will help our school community stay healthier in and will almost certainly improve student learning outcomes.

Sincerely,

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