



March 23, 2023

Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

As the Emergency Management Program Manager at Portland Public Schools, I write to ask for your support for Senate Bill 1002.

Senate Bill 1002 will create continuous state funding to provide focused support and training in school safety and emergency management within Oregon. To date, the School Safety and Emergency Management program has only been supported through grant funding. If the program does not receive funding through this legislation, it will cease to exist at the end of the grant funding period on September 30, 2023.

Through the grant funding so far, PPS has been able to implement the following:

- Emergency Operations Plan design and development
- School Emergency Response Plan design and development
- Tabletop Exercise Design and Facilitation
- Vulnerability Site Assessment assistance at school sites
- Trainings (Campus Safety Associate's, District Incident Management Team)
- Trauma informed lockdown coaching
- Continuity Planning
- Mentorship

It is more important than ever that school districts have the tools and resources to plan for and quickly respond to emergencies. Please support this policy and ensure that our school districts have the financial resources to continue this important work. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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