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To: Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Weber and all the members of the Senate Committee on Education

Re: Support HB 1532

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Latino Network was founded in 1996 by advocates for the needs of the growing Latinx community in Multnomah County. Since then, these grassroots beginnings have evolved into a continuum of services that support Latinx individuals, families, and communities. Our programs currently focus on education, advocacy & leadership, health & wellness, economic justice, youth empowerment & violence prevention, and arts & culture, engaging nearly 11,000 community members throughout Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties in the last year. We are the leading culturally-specific provider for Latinx youth, parent, and family services in the Portland area with the goal of serving the nearly 19% of Oregon's population who identify as Latinx or Hispanic.

Latino Network currently provides direct services to youth and families in Senate Districts 13-15 and 19-25 and House Districts 25, 26, 28, 29, 37, 40 and 42-50.

We support SB 1532 and look forward to seeing the state continue its efforts to understand and address the unique needs of different student's experiences. These success plans create opportunities for community educators and formal educational leaders to come together and find ways for the educational system to be more responsive. Education is a key component of a young person's life, but that educational journey must be understood in the context of that young person's experiences and needs. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring all students have the tools they need to be successful.

Please support SB 1532