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To: House Education Committee

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Subject: Letter of Support for House Bill 2992

Good Afternoon, Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the House Education Committee:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators and Oregon School Boards Association, we submit this letter of support for House Bill 2992.

Collectively, our members lead 197 school districts and 19 education service districts (ESDs) that serve over half a million students in Oregon.

Thank you to the bill sponsors and partners for bringing this bill forward. We support the Student See Clearly Act (House Bill 2992). The bill requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to jointly establish and implement a program that provides critical vision screenings, eye exams and glasses for qualified students at no charge.

By utilizing federal and state funding, OHA will contract with an approved nonprofit organization to coordinate and provide the vision services across qualified sites and schools.

We support expanding access to vision care services for students across Oregon, especially services that are timely and on-site where students attend school. When students experience undetected vision issues, their ability to learn and focus is impacted, as well as their overall experience in school and in life.

We believe that this program will have a significant impact in reaching more students and providing them with vision screenings, eye exams, and glasses that will help them learn, grow, and thrive in and beyond school.

Please vote YES on House Bill 2992.