

Submitter: Elizabeth MacKay
On Behalf Of: Sacred Organizing Coalition
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2953

Dear committee members: I am the parent of a 53 year old man with Down syndrome who attended Special Ed classes at Richmond, Glencoe, Mt. Tabor and Franklin High School from the late 70s through his graduation from Franklin in 1991, plus an additional year at Portland Community College Sylvania in the Culinary Arts Program. After graduation from that program he was hired at Green's Cafe at Providence Portland and he has worked for the hospital for the last 32 years. Special Education enabled him to achieve this success, and it took enormous work by many parents to ensure that that Special Education was provided as required by law. You, as legislators, have the onerous responsibility of ensuring that EVERY Oregon student receives needed support. People with special needs of all sorts can be, and want to be, contributing members of society. They just need some support which will pay off for years to come, when they, too, can work and pay taxes and contribute to the life of their state. Please make sure that EVERY student receives the educational support they need to become a contributing member of society. Thank you.
Sincerely, Elizabeth H MacKay