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As a long-time supporter for public schools, my partner and I are proud to have first child at a Portland Public School. We support that community with our gifts and volunteer time, and we are proud to be part of a community that provides education for ALL. That said, as we think about our second child, who has a disability, beginning kindergarten in September, we feel deep concern. Will the supports he needs to thrive and to learn be available? Will decisions about his care be made based on budget shortages or the appropriate supports he needs to be a successful student? I urge you to support HB 2953. Let's move past an outdated model and start creating the schools for Oregon we can really be proud of, schools that represent the best of public education, accessible to everyone.