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Strong Start is an incredible program that helps improve the lives of our fellow Oregonians. With Oregon ranking nearly at the bottom in terms of our education, we need programs like Strong Start to help support students succeed in college. We've seen amazing success with students who have participated in our Strong Start program at Western Oregon University. These students are more engaged in their classes and become positive leaders in their communities in and out of the university setting. Without programs like Strong Start, many of these students who aspire to give themselves and their families better lives by attending college are faced with additional barriers. Strong Start helps give these students the tools they need to succeed and give back to their communities. An investment in Strong Start is an investment in the future community leaders of Oregon.