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As a teacher in a charter school, I feel the negative impact this inequity puts on our school community. The children we proudly serve in our school deserve more, so much more than 80%. The work we do at Arthur Academy is unmatched with any neighborhood public school and this is proven in many forms. The academic growth, social emotional value and community connection our school provides is unlike anything I've ever seen. I am in my 7th year of teaching Kindergarten and in my second year at Gresham Arthur Academy. I have never seen 5 year olds learn as much as they do, as quickly as they do, and as accurately they do across all subjects in our program. The dedication this job requires and the love we have for our students can never be determined by numbers. However, here I am writing a testimony to fight this inequity and demand more. Our students need more. As an educator, I need more. If something can be done to help us, please do it. If it is meant to support teachers and set students up for success, what's the problem in providing more funding for us? It clearly exists, so do the right thing and help us. LISTEN. GIVE US HOPE. HELP US. TAKE ACTION.