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On Behalf Of: Molalla River Academy Board of Directors  
Committee: House Committee On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

House Committee On Education  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Molalla River Academy, we write to strongly encourage you to support House Bill 3444.

Molalla River Academy provides students with a unique opportunity to learn on an historic campus in blended classroom environments that focus on project based learning and thematic instruction. MRA seeks to develop lifelong learners by offering STEM, Art, Music and Garden courses in addition to core curricula. MRA serves a key role in the district by absorbing enrollment from impacted district schools while offering a special choice for students who will benefit from MRA's mode of instruction.

Under current funding practices, MRA is challenged to execute to our vision and charter. Lower funding levels impact our ability to hire competitively, fund our academic programs and maintain the historic buildings on our campus.

Passage of HB 3444 is an opportunity to level the playing field for our school, and schools like ours, preserving an important educational option for our community.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your support.

Regards,  
Brad Kuhn,  
Board Chair, Molalla River Academy Board of Directions

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Board Vice Chair, Molalla River Academy Board of Directors