



Date: March 17, 2025
To: House Committee on Education
From: Morgan Allen, COSA
Subject: Support for HB 3014 - Lottery Bond Dollars for School Facilities

Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the House Education Committee. For the record, my name is Morgan Allen and I am here on behalf of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COASA) and our 3,000 members statewide to ask for your support for HB 3014.

Facilities Investments by the Legislature Are Working and Must Be Sustained. Over the past decade, more than \$1 billion dollars has been invested in OSCIM and Seismic Rehabilitation Grants. The majority of school districts have been able to utilize these grants and make important facility improvements.

K-12 Facilities Needs Are Still Significant Across Oregon. Dozens of school districts across the state face significant barriers to passing a construction bond and cannot benefit from current programs like the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) program. We know there are billions of dollars of deferred maintenance and school construction needs.

Resources Are Needed To Support Districts that Cannot Pass Bonds. Without new state resources to support these districts, the gap between “haves” and “have nots” in school facilities will continue to widen

House Bill 3014 will provide financial assistance to Districts that struggle to pass bonds, but still have significant facilities needs. Specifically, the bill will:

- Create a funding source for districts that cannot pass bonds for facility emergencies and construction of new buildings by using \$100 million in lottery backed bonds that do not require local district bond passage to receive state emergency funds for facilities repairs or bond matching funds for new construction.

Every Student Deserves A Safe, Modern School Facility. There are still dozens of districts that struggle or cannot pass a construction bond. We need to invest in emergency and matching funds for our districts that can't meet bond matching requirements.

We ask the committee to please support HB 3014 and add \$100 million in lottery bonds for facilities emergencies and improvements in districts that struggle to pass bonds.