



FRIENDS OF
LANE
COUNTY
RECOVERY
SCHOOLS

March 20, 2025

Dear: Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez; Co-Chairs Sollman and Ruiz;
and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Subcommittee On Education:

I am writing as the board president of the Friends of Lane County Recovery Schools (FLCRS). FLCRS is a non-profit that has been working since 2022 to establish a recovery high school in Lane County.

We have met with the Lane County school districts regarding the school and have been received with very much enthusiasm. FLCRS has partnered with Lane Educational Service District (LESD) to establish the recovery high school.

When HB 2767 passed in 2023, we were very optimistic that we would be able to start admitting students in 2025. We secured a facility to house the school and were awarded a grant to hire a Planning Administrator to ready the school. With an HB 2767 grant from the Oregon Department of Education combined with FLCRS fund raising, we are confident we can fund all necessary operating expenses.

I understand there will be a Department of Education budget hearing on March 26th. The Governor's proposed budget includes only one additional recovery high school in the 2025-2027

biennium. I respectfully request that the budget for the next biennium include funding as anticipated and outlined by HB 2767. It is vitally important that we as a state have the ability and resources to stand up three recovery high schools in each of the next two biennia. The need is critical. The students served by recovery high schools are the most at-risk students in our state. Recovery high schools afford these students the opportunity to achieve a high school diploma as well as setting them on a path to become productive members of society.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important program for our young adults in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Dyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Dyer" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Dyer

Board President

Friends of Lane County Recovery Schools