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TO: House Committee on Education
FROM: Stacy Michaelson, Director of Government Relations & Communications
DATE: March 19, 2025
RE: HB 2007 -1

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

Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback on HB 2007 and the -1 amendments. OSBA appreciates the efforts of the sponsors and the commitment this body is showing to providing robust summer programming for students.

We believe the -1 amendments represent a significant improvement from the base bill. The increased flexibility in the -1s is critical to offering programming that is engaging to students. Summer learning is not only an important tool for making academic gains, but in many parts of our state it is also a matter of ensuring youth have a safe space to spend their days. In order to do this effectively, districts need the ability to meet students where they are and to make optional summer programming enticing to students so that they show up.

We also appreciate the commitment to continued, and reliable funding. In order for school districts to set their budgets and make programming plans, they need to know what resources will be available as soon as possible. When state allocations are consistent, districts are able to build summer learning into their standard planning efforts each year.

To that end, as we hope to have consistency for districts, we have some concerns about the shift in priority districts from last summer to this summer. We think it would be worthwhile to have ODE run a sample list so that we know how much the grantees would change from last year to this.

We understand there is a -2 amendment likely forthcoming and we hope to part of those discussions. We know how important summer learning is to our students, and we are committed to working toward the best version of HB 2007 possible.

Thank you.