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I am the father of a second grader at Sitton Elementary in Portland Oregon. Each year I watch an incredible group of teachers, staff and faculty do everything they can for the betterment of their student body, with fewer and fewer resources available. Every year there are budget cuts, cuts to field trips and resources; next year there will be fewer staff and classrooms than there are this year, and at the pace we're moving, the coming years will produce more of the same decline. Our community spaces are in jeopardy. I, and many other parents, volunteer our time as best we can, while also working to provide stability at home. The folks charged with modeling and enhancing our children's intellectual and social growth should not be endlessly worried about whether they will continue to have the resources to do so.

There is only one way to ensure that the future of Oregon is a bright one, and that is to invest in those who are going to make its choices in the years to come.

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