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I am writing in support of appropriating moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Education for the State School Fund. As a parent and as an Oregonian who plans on spending the rest of my life here, we have so much at stake when it comes to funding schools. Oregon must ensure that schools are fully staffed with teachers and specialists who have proper training and support. Oregon must ensure that facilities where learning occurs are seismically sound, have good air quality, and are safe and inspiring places for children to be. The costs of these missions are too much for individual districts to shoulder and all children in Oregon deserve every cent available to set them up for success. Investing in Education, especially in areas of lower income demographics, leads to better economic outcomes for all.