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Chair Neron and Members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Keevin bybee and I am father, family physician, and co chair of the Oregon School based health alliance. I am writing in support of HB 3941 and the development of full service community schools in Oregon.

In my community and across Oregon, we are seeing high rates of chronic absenteeism, low test scores, and a general lack of engagement in schools, under resourced. We are doing what we can to address these issues, but we are missing a comprehensive framework that brings everyone together - families, students, educators, and community members - to ensure that we are collaborating to use our resources in ways that best meet the needs of each unique community.

Schools are natural community hubs, and full-service community schools allow us to opportunity to transform them into the public community-driven service delivery and community engagement spaces that support and uplift families.

I have been a part of the coalition/steering committee/school community working to establish community schools in Oregon because I believe they will have a tremendous impact on our communities. Please pass HB 3941.

Thank you,  
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