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My 1st grader attends a Portland public alternative school called the metropolitan learning center. Our school has low enrollment due to various factors. The school experienced huge cuts from the recent budget including losing 4 full time teachers and multiple positions have been removed completely like the career counselor for the high school and the other counselors are now being reduced to part time. Her class size is going to double next year to over 33 kids as they were forced to combine 2-3rd grades.

We collect cans to pay for supplies and field trips.

Please fund or public schools who are struggling to provide the bare minimum and meet needs of a generation of kids who have been greatly impacted by COVID and other factors. Our kids need a safe place to learn that is not over crowded. They need supports and the teachers need help.