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My daughters are in second grade at Faubion elementary school in Portland, a PPS school. We love the community, the teachers and supporting public school in Portland. However, in the three years that they've been in the school, we've seen funding cut for music, arts and counseling. These are all critical for students' development and mental health. These cuts are being made in order to fund other necessities that cannot be cut. We want to continue to support PPS but funding cuts increase our concern. I am a child of public school in Corvallis and watched the negative impact that Measure 5 had on my school back in the early 90s and I hate to see the state continue to make the same mistakes of not investing enough in our children's future.