

Dear Committee Members,

I am a parent of a child who receives special education services through Portland Public Schools, and a firm believer in public education, of which I am a proud product.

I urge you to lift the 11% cap on special education funding and to allocate additional money to the State School Fund above the proposed \$11.36 billion. If the cap is not lifted, too many of Oregon's neediest students will be underserved. PPS is facing staff reductions of over two hundred under the current proposal, and other districts will undoubtedly be cutting too.

The people of Oregon didn't send you to Salem to wring your hands and tell us how sorry you are that these educators and students will lose their jobs or go without services. We sent you there to-

Put On Your Big Politician Pants and Solve Oregon's School Funding Crisis!

Sincerely,

I.M. Portland