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Public education is essential for a productive, efficient, and caring society. The public schools in Oregon are underfunded to the point of being detrimental to our students. I am a public high school science teacher and I teach in a classroom with rodent feces in my cabinets, varying temperatures from 59 degrees (last Tuesday) to up to 87 degrees (in September), no fume hood, no eyewash station, and with lab classes of up to 34 students. The number of students with documented ADHD and anxiety/depression is increasing every year, and we don't have nearly enough supports in place for them to feel safe and successful. They deserve better! Please sending more funding to our public schools so that every child in our state has the chance to grow into an educated, productive member of our society.