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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3941

Chair Neron and Members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Amy Geoffroy, and I am a parent of a daughter receiving special education services and have been in family disability service support professionally for 10 years. 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 see high rates of chronic absenteeism, low test scores, and a general lack of engagement in schools. My 18-year journey through special education has shown me that families in the disability community often lack a feeling of belonging and community engagement within the larger school community. Oregon is 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,

Amy Geoffroy