

Submitter: Jennifer Bunnell
On Behalf Of: Marshfield High School
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5525

Dear Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education,
I am writing to share the significant impact the ASPIRE program has had on our school and students. ASPIRE plays a vital role in preparing Oregon students for their futures by providing education, resources, and mentoring to help them become career and college ready.

Through ASPIRE, students gain access to group mentoring, career exploration activities, and events that guide them in researching college and career pathways. The program also supports students through the admissions process, scholarship applications, and financial aid navigation, ensuring they have the tools needed for success beyond high school.

As an ASPIRE Coordinator for over 20 years, I have witnessed firsthand how this program transforms lives. I have had the privilege of helping countless students set and achieve their post-high school goals, whether that be pursuing higher education, entering the workforce, or exploring vocational training. ASPIRE is an invaluable resource for Oregon students, and I strongly urge your continued support to ensure its ongoing success.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Bunnell
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