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Every year we have been trying to do more with less, while our pay and benefits has not kept up with the cost of living. Our local school district has been struggling to hire educators due to the poor working conditions with high case loads/ class sizes, and poor pay/ benefits. Our district has resorted to building subsidized housing for teachers so that they can live in our community. I am a professional educator and deserve to live in respectable housing and have enough money to pay for groceries, utilities, etc., not live in a tiny home on school property. Our schools have also been cutting staffing, affecting course offerings and class/ case management sizes. This has been having a tremendous negative impact on our students. I also believe it has been having a terrible impact on student attendance. Please fund the future of Oregon by funding education!