

Submitter: Cyril Domingo  
On Behalf Of: Siletz Valley Charter Revitalization project  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

My name is Cyril Domingo and I am providing a letter of support for the Siletz Valley School Revitalization and Safety Improvements project requested by our school community. We have waited a long time to be able to improve our school which is the hub of our community. We are unable to apply for grants, or bonds due to our charter status and we do not own the land which once belonged to the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. By rule, our sponsoring school district bond dollars cannot be given to us.

Money for maintenance and upgrades is hard to come by, keeping the aging building, built in 1934, operating takes all of our facilities dollars. This is why we are asking you to support our request.

Staff and students want and need safety upgrades like stronger classroom doors and locks that prevent unwanted and unsafe actors from entering our school and classrooms. We want more for our children and we need your help. We have, thanks to our culinary program, a portable kitchen to feed our community in case of a catastrophic event, but without a generator, we cannot keep our children safe and warm as they await reunification with their families.

Funding our project will allow us to provide another 30-50 years of education in our community. We are ready to start working on the project, and would find no greater satisfaction than knowing that you, as state leaders, care about our struggles, hopes and dreams for the future of your children. You have collectively done so much for so many children, and now we need your help.

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