



# Oregon SMALL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

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Executive Director

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Joint Ways and Means Committee

Dear Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the Siletz Valley Charter School's Revitalization and Safety Improvements project. As Executive Director of the Oregon Small Schools Association, I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary impact that small schools like Siletz Valley have on their communities.

Siletz Valley Charter School is not only a vital educational institution but also a cornerstone of the Siletz community. Their commitment to student success, cultural preservation, and innovative programming is exemplary. However, the school faces significant challenges in maintaining and improving its aging facilities due to restrictions on funding access.

Investing in this project will ensure that Siletz Valley continues to provide a safe, enriching environment for students, staff, and the broader community. I urge you to support their request, recognizing the school's unwavering dedication and the unique needs of rural education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter

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