

Dear Representative Gallegos,

I am writing this message in support of HB 2392. The Beaverton School District has provided a full service Family Resource Center to our community for three years. Our family resource center has served the neediest families in our community, of which there are many. Currently, 40% of our district students qualify for free or reduced lunch. In addition to clothing, food, and transportation support, we provide referrals to general and mental health care services for students and their families as well as parent education and coaching. These services ensure that our children of poverty are coming to school ready to learn.

HB 2392 would establish clear legislative direction, expectations and mandates for the Youth Development Council. This bill is critically important for ensuring continuing funding of after school services, the BSD family resource center, student retention programs, family coaching and parenting education services and juvenile crime prevention services for school-age children, youth and families in Beaverton and Washington County.

Representative Gallegos, I respectfully ask you to support passage of HB 2392 with amendments that Representative Clem will be submitting.

Sincerely,

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District Goal for 2010-2015: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

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