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### OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 10, 2013

Chair Hass and Members of the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development,

I am writing to lend support for Senate Bill 297, a measure that would require broader community representation on school district achievement compact advisory committees. This year Portland Public School has representatives from the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), the Coalition of Communities of Color, the Portland Business Alliance and a student from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee serving as ex-officio members of the committee.

The voices of these key groups, communities and allies have been invaluable as the committee recommends targets and strategies to reach Oregon's 40-40-20 aspirational goal. PPS strongly supports the inclusion of community members and others as official voting members of this important committee.

I strongly encourage a yes vote on SB 297.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carole Smith'.

Carole Smith