



April 11, 2013

Chair Sara Gelser  
Education Committee  
Oregon State House

RE: HB 3233

Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee,

The Network for Quality Teaching and Learning, which would be created through HB 3233, will help propel education in Oregon forward by ensuring that there is a statewide system of support for great teaching. The Chalkboard Project is supportive of HB 3233 as a structure for elevating the teaching profession and helping to make Oregon a great place to teach.

Research is clear that teachers have the most significant impact on student learning in the classroom. Every child deserves teachers who have the support and tools to do their best work, regardless of where or how long they have been teaching.

The Network builds upon a decade of work by the legislature, advocates and philanthropy to invest in effective teaching. The Oregon Mentoring Program, the School District Collaboration Fund, the Professional Development Network and Clearinghouse, the redesign of educator evaluations, and the creation of new models of teacher preparation are all policies and programs that are strengthening teaching and learning. Continued investment by the state will allow these programs and policies to have a bigger impact by reaching greater numbers of students and educators.

We appreciate the Governor's support of these important investments and the desire to use the Network as a tool to formalize and sustain these efforts. Making Oregon a great place to teach will be essential to making Oregon a great place for all students to learn.

Sincerely,

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