

# Ashwood Group

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Dr. Rudy Crew  
Chief Education Officer  
Oregon Education Investment Board  
775 Court Street NE  
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Dr. Crew,

I am writing to support the inclusion of funds in HB 3233 to increase the scaling of proficiency-based teaching and learning in Oregon schools.

As an alumnus of Intel Corporation turned serial entrepreneur and father of two young adults who are (thank God) successfully making their way on their own after graduating college, I am familiar with the critical nature of students having the opportunity to demonstrate mastery and applying skills as opposed to “doing time” when it comes to education.

As a board member of the Beaverton Education Compact organization, I have become increasingly aware of the benefits and impact proficiency-based teaching and learning is having in communities around the state. I am encouraged by the testimonials I have heard about how this approach to education offers much promise to students and teachers alike.

It seems to me that funding applied to proficiency-based programs would be a wise investment of scarce state dollars and I encourage your support for this.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wangler  
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