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Chairman Hass and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 297. We know that parent involvement in education is at the heart of student achievement, and their engagement is at the core of a great public schools system. Not only is it a tremendous asset to our teachers, it benefits our communities. Children who gain a well-rounded education both in the classroom and at home enter the world with boundless opportunities for improving their lives and the world around them.

Last September, the Oregon Education Investment Board approved a motion supporting 2013 legislation that would add parents to the achievement compact advisory committees. The Board believes parent engagement is an important component in the advancement of achievement compacts and the setting of goals within that process.

I join the Board in their commitment to adding parents as an important member of the achievement compact advisory committees. The Board is neutral on all other provisions of SB 297.

Should you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me via email at rudycrow@state.or.us or call, 503-378-2761. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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