## An Open Letter to the City of Hillsboro and Beaverton

Dear Mayor Jerry Willey & Mayor Dennis Doyle,

We would like to offer our congratulations to the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro on the recent adoption of the matching funds to support Portland Community College students through Future Connect. This program is a unique partnership wherein city government, Portland Community College, and the philanthropic community through the PCC Foundation, together make college education a reality for our high school graduates who might not otherwise have access to this crucial next step. With your commitment, one hundred initial Washington County students will join the ranks of the nearly 600 low-income, first-generation college students from Multnomah County receiving college scholarship and success programs from Future Connect.

As members in the Oregon Legislature who represent families in our shared communities, we appreciate the commitment that Beaverton and Hillsboro have demonstrated to providing students from Washington County access to this innovative program. The aspirational goal of reaching 40/40/20 attainment for education requires all of us to think differently about providing access and success to students of all ages and life experience. We appreciate the commitment demonstrated by you and your City Councils.

Sincerely,

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House District 28

Representative Ben Unger

House District 29

Representative Joe Gallegos

House District 30

Representative Chris Harker

House District 34

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