

Speaker Tina Kotek  
Senator Fred Girod  
Co-Chairs, Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
Joint Committee on Ways & Means  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I urge you to help Portland State University create a new home for its Graduate School of Education (GSE) in order to expand its Community Counseling Clinic, graduate more counselors, and help meet the mental health needs of Oregonians.

The GSE is the largest and most comprehensive school of education in Oregon, preparing more teachers, counselors and administrators for licensure than any other institution in the state.

PSU's Community Counseling Clinic provides a vital service to the Portland Metro area by offering much needed low cost/no cost counseling services to uninsured and underinsured people. Here at Clackamas County, our crisis service has been referring individuals to services there for over 10 years. I myself have had numerous very positive interactions with the Counseling Clinic. It is an amazing prevention resource. Unfortunately, the clinic is unable accommodate more clients due to lack of space and regularly has to turn clients away or refer them elsewhere.

Additionally, it is my understanding that the clinic is too small to train more students and the program size is limited to 50 spots.

Please support PSU's request for \$17 million to expand and renovate the education building. I and my colleagues here at Clackamas County look forward to watching the progress of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Anderson, PsyD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Anderson" being the most prominent part.

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