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To: Senate Education Committee
From: Joel Fischer, Senior Policy Analyst
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Re: SB 216

Chair Roblan and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

OBA believes the Network for Quality Teaching & Learning is a critical component in an effective and supported educator workforce. We are a strong supporter of the School District Collaboration Fund, which is funded through the Network for Quality Teaching & Learning. Participating districts have seen significant impacts on student achievement that outpace the rest of the state.

We support the opportunity in SB 216 for a nonprofit like Chalkboard Project to administer the program. We believe that utilizing their expertise could help further improve the Collaboration Fund at the state level and help take the program to scale, allowing as many districts as possible to participate.

OBA is also a strong supporter of the Oregon Mentor Program and we have concerns about the proposed change in the bill. We appreciate the fact that there will be further conversation about that piece of the bill as we support keeping the 90 hour minimum.

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