

My name is Emily Bradley and I am a kindergarten teacher at Tom McCall Elementary in Redmond, Oregon.

I just want to quickly write you about the current K-12 proposed budget of \$7.325 billion. I am very concerned that if we do not get at least \$7.5 billion, our school district will be forced to choose between implementing full-day kindergarten, or maintaining class sizes for grades 1-12. The Co-Chairs' budget falls \$300 million short of what most districts need to maintain current class sizes and programs and add full-day kindergarten. I know that money does not flow freely, but I also know how important it is that we invest in our youngest learners by providing families with full-day kindergarten. The Co-Chair's budget simply takes steps backward when we need to step up and provide our children with the educational experience that they deserve.

Please, I urge you and your colleagues to continue the fight for our students and to find a way to a minimum of \$7.5 billion for the upcoming biennium for K-12 education so that our district doesn't have to choose between full-day kindergarten and increased class sizes for grades 1-12.

Thank you for your service. I appreciate all of your hard work.

Respectfully,

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