

Honorable State Legislators and members of the Ways and Means Joint Subcommittee on Education,

I am writing to encourage you all to work for a **no cuts budget for K-12 education**. The current funding level suggested in the legislature of 7.235 billion will result in cuts in staff and programming for many districts as it does not take into account the increased cost to districts providing free Kindergarten as mandated by the state. I am very concerned about the possible cuts to staffing and programming if this budget remains at 7.235 billion. Please support a no cuts budget of **at least 7.5 billion** for our K-12 schools.

Thank you for your support and hard work for investing in our K-12 students statewide.

Respectfully,
Grace Groom
2736 NE 67th Ave., Portland, OR 97213