

As a classified employee, an instructional assistant/library and healthy play instructor of Canby School District, I am faced with the need to accept temporary summer work to make ends meet. Not only are such jobs low pay, but can be difficult to find since my primary employer needs me to work specific dates which do not always coincide with summer opportunities.

As a result of needing to secure work when the schools are closed, I often have to juggle 2 jobs, working weekends during the school year for another employer in order to maintain a position during school closures. This is taxing on the mind and body, which adversely affects my ability to perform by best at school.

Working with the school district is rewarding and vital to our students who need and deserve quality, long term staff who guide them through the education process. I am asking that you support our needs for obtaining unemployment benefits during school closures that are longer than 2 weeks. Please support SB 470.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hitchcock