

RE: SB 1536

TO: Members, Senate Committee on Education

DATE: February 5, 2016

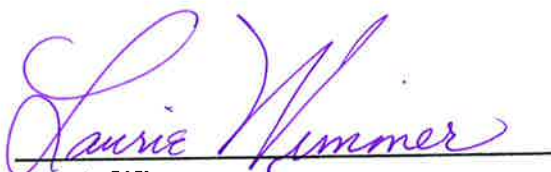
A workgroup convened by Senator Roblan to address SB 819 (2015) and LC 125, which became SB 1536, has met three times (November and December 2015, and February 2016). Senator Roblan invited specific parties to these work groups, and also welcomed all interested parties to attend (attendance has ranged from 22 to 30 people).

We, the undersigned, agree to the following, pursuant to our verbal agreement of February 2, 2016:

1. SB 1536 will not move during this short Legislative session.
2. A workgroup of twelve members will work together between now and the 2017 Legislative session. The workgroup composition will be:
 - Four Legislators: one Democrat and one Republican from each chamber (likely Senators Roblan and Kruse, and Representatives Doherty and Huffman)
 - Four education association representatives: OEA, OSBA, COSA, and OSEA (likely Laurie Wimmer, Jim Green, Chuck Bennett and Tricia Smith)
 - Four public charter school representatives: advocate, board member, director and teacher (likely Kaaren Heikes and three TBD)
3. This workgroup will be facilitated by our current facilitator, Sam Imperati/ICM Resolutions through Oregon Consensus (mediation costs provided by OSBA).
4. This workgroup will be staffed by ODE, Legislative Education Committee Administrator and Legislative Counsel.
5. The scope of the workgroup will be: how "brick and mortar" (i.e., non-virtual) public charter schools should be funded.

Specific work will include: collection, review and analysis of the current public charter school funding model and other data the group agrees to be pertinent to its scope; good faith discussion and negotiation regarding potential changes to the current funding model for public charter schools, with the goal of agreeing on potential legislation for consideration during the 2017 session.

Sincerely,



Laurie Wimmer,
Oregon Education Association

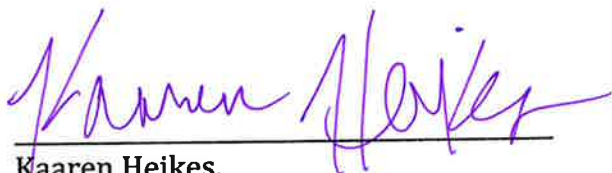


Jim Green,
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