

I would like to add my voice to those who are advocating for more support to our public schools. There is no other population that gives you as much return on investment and no other area that is more "up stream" in terms of PREVENTING social problems, than educating our children. If we continue to shunt money away from supporting our children's education, we will always be crippled by the impossible task of trying to fix problems "downstream."

Portland is an incredibly progressive city, filled with creativity and innovation. It's horrifying that our school outcomes are so poor, especially for our poorest communities. This needs to stop. Please be the change. Leave a legacy of a better future for our children.

Thank you for your time,

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