I am writing in support of House Bill 2419; the proposed funding is sorely needed for school districts throughout Oregon that lack necessary funds to support TAG students. The students in our Sherwood school district have been TAG-identified under current state law, but as of now, have no formal or informal program in place to support them, and lack of funding is routinely cited by our local school board as the reason for non-support. As of today, my child and hundreds of other local children like her are not provided with the programs they need to excel in their education, and with even minimal state funding, Oregon school districts could be doing so much better to capitalize on the talent these children possess. To better prepare Oregon's youth for the future, please support and pass this legislation.

Thank you, Alison Worthy Sherwood, Oregon 859-312-4300