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RE: HB 2419

Greetings:

I am very concerned about Oregon's lack of funding for Talent and Gifted education.

I have a high school senior who earned his TAG designation when he was in 2nd grade. At the time his school's principal allowed a little TAG education via parents teaching pull out groups. In middle school there was nothing. In high school nothing.

As a result, he was bored out off his mind at school, as were many of his friends who are also TAG. Now these kids who were readers don't read anymore, hate science because it's been years of boredom in school. These kids have had such a poor educational experience that none are excited to go to college to find themselves a career.

Many Oregon kids are not able reach their potential because of their low education opportunities. The kids miss out, and Oregon misses out on the potential talent that could take our states to good economic growth and find ways to do this while keeping Oregon a fine place to live.

So much potential, for the kids and for Oregon should not go to waste. Please vote to fund Oregon's Talented and Gifted programs.

Sincerely,

Lynn Murphy, a regular voter