

This letter is in support of SB1002 to allow private tutors use of school facilities while tutoring public school students. As a Girl Scout troop leader for 16+ girls over the last 4 years, multiple of whom have needed tutoring services for dyslexia, or other reading/processing deficiencies, I have seen the importance of allowing children to meet tutors at school, so children can easily transition from school, to tutoring, and then into their extra-curricular activities. When children have to meet tutors outside of the school, they have to wait until their parents are done working to then take them to their tutor. This is an undue burden on working parents, and the students have to give up sports or other extra-curricular activities in the evenings. Additionally this means the children are trying to focus on academics later in the evenings when they are tired and are trying to wind down.

SB1002 imposes no costs on school districts to keep facilities open beyond their normal schedule, nor does it mandate additional staffing or supervision on the part of the school district. This bill is a reasonable accommodation to students who need the assistance of tutors in districts around the state.

School districts such as Lake Oswego, allow scout troops, neighborhood associations, school clubs, sports clubs etc. to meet in and use school facilities during hours the school buildings are normally open. By excluding private tutors, districts are imposing barriers on students needing academic assistance and on working families who cannot transport children to external facilities to get their children the tutoring services needed. Please schedule SB1002 for a work session and support passage of this bill to allow access for tutors in our school facilities.

Sincerely,

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