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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lisa Allen, and I serve on the Hillsboro School District Board of Directors. I live in Hillsboro, Oregon. I am submitting this written testimony since my schedule prohibits me from attending in person.

Hillsboro School District is the 4th largest school district in our state, and we serve over 20,000 students. After cutting over \$65 million dollars over the last decade, we are running a bare-bones operation out in Washington County, the economic engine of the state.

With the current State School Fund proposed budget, our district would see approximately \$7 million in cuts. These cuts significantly impact our ability to support students, teachers, and families in our communities. This impacts our ability to provide the kind of education our children deserve, offer rigorous options, and even graduation rates. Every student deserves an education that prepares them for the future, and every student should graduate from high school, I know you agree.

To avoid increasing class sizes, since we have one of the highest class sizes in the state, we are planning to dip into our ending fund balance/reserve funds, which is contrary to budgeting best practice. This is in addition to the nearly \$7 million in cuts to our already lean administration and support staff. If the kicker kicks, and the State School Fund receives less than currently expected, we will also be forced to increase the average class size at every level, elementary and secondary.

This bill is an excellent step forward and I urge you to support it. But our community needs far more to serve our students adequately.

In addition to serving as a School Board Member, I am also a parent. My son Kaden is 6 and my daughter Lily is 4. They, and their friends, are our future. They deserve more, they need more. Vote yes on HB 2830, and then take steps toward serious reform to increase revenue and funding for our K-12 education system as soon as possible.

Best Regards,

Lisa Allen