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Hello,

Please find the letter below in the form of written testimony for HB 4066, on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting of the Committee on Early Childhood and Family Support.

The original letter is in Spanish, and can be found in the forwarded message below. A translation is provided here:

To Whom it May Concern -

My name is Lucinda Morales I am the mother of Brenda Miranda Morales. We have attended the Juntos Aprendemos program of Latino Network for two years. This program has been a benefit to my family and my community in Metzger School in the Tualatin-Tigard District, given that in this district there are very few programs and our families don't have access due to diverse situations of programs that are over capacity in the area. Another factor is that families don't always meet all of the requirements to qualify for these programs.

Juntos Aprendemos is a program that benefits us, since our children receive education during their first years of life which builds future students who are able to access curriculum more easily. The main focus is that the language of instruction is Spanish, which makes it so the children can learn in a natural way, since it is the first language that is used at home. The Juntos Aprendemos program also helps to strengthen the culture that we have from our countries, as during the school year culture is promoted through activities that are used in our countries. On the other hand, also very important is the support that is given to the parents with topics like how to raise our children during this important stage of their lives, with various topics including communication, stages of development, self esteem, culture, how to raise successful kids, among others.

We want our program to not only continue in our school but also to be implemented in every school in the Portland and Tigard-Tualatin districts, as this would give more families the opportunity to have access to education for their 3-5 year old children. Our program needs support from the legislature to help in the early childhood of our children. Juntos Aprendemos has been a great support to the early learning in Oregon's public schools.

*Sincerely,
Lucinda Morales
Mother, Juntos Aprendemos
Metzger School*

Thank you,

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Sadie, esta es mi casrta, un poco tarde pero espero sirva, gracias, Lucinda Morales

Febrero 5 2018
Beaverton, Oregon

A quien corresponda.-

Mi nombre es Lucinda Morales soy madre de Brenda Miranda Morales, tenemos dos años asistiendo a la clase de Juntos aprendemos del Programa de Latino Network, este programa ha sido de beneficio para mi familia y para mi comunidad en la escuela de Metzger en el Distrito de Tualatin- Tigard, ya que en este distrito solo existen muy pocos programas en los cuales nuestras familias no tienen acceso debido a diversas situaciones de sobre-cupo en el área, otro factor es que no reúnen los requisitos para poder calificar a dichos programas.

Juntos Aprendemos es un programa nos beneficia, ya que los niños reciben la educación en su primera años de vida lo cual fomentara más adelante alumnos capaces de acceder al currículo más fácilmente, el principal enfoque que es el idioma de la lengua que es el Español hace que los niños aprendan más de manera natural, ya que este es el primer idioma que se maneja en casa. El programa de Juntos Aprendemos además ayuda a fortalecer la cultura que nosotros tenemos en nuestros países, ya que dentro del ciclo escolar promueve la cultura y actividades que se han utilizado en nuestros países. Por otro lado también ha sido muy importante el apoyo que se da a los padres con temas de cómo educar a los hijos en esta etapa tan importante en sus vidas, con temas variados y de interés en cuanto a comunicación, etapas del desarrollo, autoestima, cultura, como formar hijos exitosos entre otros.

Deseamos que nuestro programa no solamente continúe en nuestra escuela, sino que se implemente en cada una de las escuelas del distrito de Portland y Tigard-Tualatin, ya que daría la oportunidad a más familias de tener acceso a la educación para sus hijos de 3-5 años.

Nuestro programa necesita del apoyo del Congreso para ayudar en la primera infancia a nuestros hijos Juntos Aprendemos que ha sido un gran apoyo en la Educación temprana de las escuelas Públicas de Oregon.

Atentamente

Lucinda Morales

Madre de familia Juntos Aprendemos

Escuela Metzger