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To Members of the Senate Committee on Education
Re: SB 160

February 12, 2019

Dear Senator Wagner and members of the committee,

Thank you for considering SB 160. This bill will provide students taking the International Baccalaureate (IB) the same level of college credit options that the legislature gave Advanced Placement (AP) with SB 207 in 2017.

I have worked in both AP and IB schools in my 32 years as an educator in Lincoln County, Oregon. Both programs offer students an opportunity to take college level courses that challenge them and prepare them for the rigors of college. AP and IB both offer courses that are more challenging than the 100 level courses students might otherwise take at our local community college. I have seen over and over how these (AP/IB) courses ensure students are successful in college and that they graduate in a timely manner.

It is necessary that the Oregon legislature allow IB students to have the equal access to college credit that SB 207 gave to AP students. Our research shows that a '3' on a AP exam is equivalent to a '4' on an IB exam. We ask that the Oregon legislature pass SB 160 to ensure parity between IB and AP. This is the fair thing to do for Oregon's IB students.

Sincerely,

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