



TO: House Education Committee
FROM: Stacy Michaelson, East Multnomah County Schools
DATE: March 4, 2019
RE: HB 2440

Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee, for the record my name is Stacy Michaelson and I represent the following school districts: Centennial, Corbett, David Douglas, Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose, and Reynolds, as well as Multnomah Education Service District.

I submit this testimony in support of HB 2440. The aforementioned districts have prioritized incorporating an equity lens into their work and appreciate all that has come from the establishment of the statewide education plan for African-American students. We believe that in order to improve statewide graduation rates we need to look at systemic elements that impact student achievement and respond with both systemic solutions and individual support.

HB 2440 is, of course, not a silver bullet, but we do believe that this is a helpful move in addressing the needs of students across our state. We know that we all have ongoing work to do to see better outcomes for all students, and we look forward to working with this body as well as ODE to make those gains.

Thank you,

Stacy Michaelson

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