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Subject: Fully Fund the Quality Education Model (QEM)

Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education

Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, Members of the Committee, Hello!

As an elected member of the Hillsboro School District Board of Directors I urge your Subcommittee on Education to increase funding for Oregon public schools to the level indicated by the Quality Education Model, which currently requires \$10.77 Billion for the state school fund.

Consider:

- Oregon has one of the largest average class sizes in the nation,
- Oregon has one of the lowest graduation rates in the nation,
- Oregon has one of the shortest school years in the nation,
- Students in our schools face challenging learning conditions due to lack of resources,
- Local resources are not enough to address this challenge; State resources are the only adequate remedy
- Since passage of Measure 5 in 1990, Oregon has consistently underfunded schools and failed to adopt a means of sustainability paying for public services,
- In the Hillsboro School District (HSD) we have experienced year-over-year budgets every year since 2008

I request the legislature fund the state school fund at the Quality Education Model (QEM) level. This will enable HSD to add 101 teachers and 5 days of school... a game-changing investment in our kid's future.

Thank you for your service in the legislature!

Respectfully,



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