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To the members of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Student Success;

I am writing to appeal to you make the **INVESTMENT** in the future of education in the state of Oregon. As an educator with Beaverton School District as a special education teacher, I can say that appropriate and adequate funding **will make a difference** for kids in Oregon.

I have been teaching for 16 years with Beaverton School District. Because of budget shortfalls, there have been almost 5 years where I have been required to manage the entire Resource Program; which includes managing the entire referrals and identification process, conducting assessments and evaluations, numerous meetings, providing instruction, and so on - with less than a full time assignment in the building to do so.

The results of this?? Just to mention a few things:

- Not enough time available to provide all the individualized time, support, and instruction to some of our greatest needs students'.
- Not enough time to meet and collaborate with classroom teachers.
- No budget for purchasing educational materials and curriculum
- No time for creating my own materials
- Extreme stress to me a teacher trying to meet all the demands of the job. I am ready to leave the profession because of this.

To turn this around, we need adequate and stable funding! It **will make a difference** for our students!

- Smaller class size - both in general education and intervention/small group support situations.
- Flexibility to meet and collaborate with classroom teachers to provide a fluid and comprehensive support program to special education students.
- An adequate budget to be able to procure much needed curriculum and educational materials.
- Better retention of professional educators who care deeply about kids!

There are so many more reasons why we need adequate funding - and just as many positive outcomes that will result **IF** we receive stable and adequate funding for our schools! Our future depends on it!

Regards,
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