

Hello,

Below please find written testimony for submission regarding HB2019.

My name is Lisa Allen, and I am the Chair of the Hillsboro School Board. Hillsboro School District is the fourth largest school district in the state and serves nearly 21,000 students.

On behalf of our 21,000 students and nearly 100,000 voters, I urge you to support House Bill 2019.

Oregon schools have been underfunded since I was a child, which means a generation of children has been robbed of the quality education they deserve.

After cutting nearly 1/3 of our operating budget over the last decade, we are now looking at over \$16 million in cuts for the coming biennium. Our students already experience a class size that is too large, outdated curriculum, and a school year shorter than the national average.

Despite these things, we have learned how to do more with less in the Hillsboro School District. At 85%, we have one of the highest graduation rates in the state. Our students exceed expectations thanks to our robust dual language program, STEAM focus schools, Career and College Pathways (CTE programming), AVID, and dual credit. We have become trauma-informed in our practice and our students are thriving.

We know we can do so much more for our students if we only had the resources. We know precisely how to get our graduation rate above 90% and prepare even more students for a successful future.

But we need your help. We can go no further on this path to success without your support. Please support student success and support HB 2019.

In service,

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