

Good Evening Joint Committee for Student Success,

My own kids are now in bed, and I turn my attention to my classroom for tomorrow. Before looking over reading response journals, and planning my skills-based mini lesson on responsible decision making, I wanted to take a minute to reach out to your committee and let you know how OUR investment in education can and will make a difference for kids in Oregon.

I am in my 17th year as an elementary educator: teaching in Kinder, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms, and I am seeing significant impacts in our students academic, social, and emotional growth. Should budget reductions continue, I am concerned for the health of our future citizenry.

I am confident in your commitment to the success of OUR students, and know you will work to see the necessary investment in education.

Thank you,
Michael Vieira