

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to provide comment to the Joint Committee on Student Success for the public hearing on Thursday, April 11 regarding House Bill 2019.

I was glad to see that your committee has approved roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood programs and services. Investing in early childhood reduces inequality, expands young minds, and sets children on the path to success. I'm also asking for your support to increase the funding that school districts will get in the upcoming year. We need more funding to have smaller class sizes, we need more support for children with behavioral issues related to the increasing traumas in families, we need better pay for our school teachers, we need more culturally specific after-school programs, our children deserve the best. We have an opportunity to pass the comprehensive package that includes the three priorities which will support Oregon's children and families.

Thank you for your support!

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