

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success

I am a Beaverton School Board Member and Immediate Past President of the Oregon School Board Association. I have been working on adequate and stable funding for the public school system for as long as I have been on my local board (10 years).

I want to let you know how much I appreciate all your work in the last 12 months visiting schools around the State, working with education partners and crafting this piece of legislation. I am confident that this bill is moving in the right direction in order to adequately fund our schools and help each and every student to succeed in whatever path they choose. On behalf of all our students in the state of Oregon, please insure that we make this necessary investment in our public school!

I was on the Beaverton School Board during the recession when we had to cut hundreds of teaching positions and slash our programs. We have still not fully recovered from that process but I believe that we are making great headway with CTE programs, pre-K classes, and the provision of supports for all students. Our graduation rates have increased and our students are being prepared for the life they choose after high school. I am confident that with the proposed funding we will be able to provide the wrap around services that our students need in order to learn and to be successful at school.

Please insure this HB 2019 passes with the adequate funding we need to provide the \$2 billion that our students deserve. We need to invest in these students so they become productive members of society tomorrow.

Thank you again for the work you have done for our students. It is greatly appreciated.

Warmly,

LeeAnn Larsen

Beaverton School Board Member

Past President Oregon School Board Association