From: <u>rforester9@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Rosemary Forester</u>

To: <u>JCSS Exhibits</u>

Subject: April 11 Hearing - Supportive testimony for HB 2019

Date: Friday, April 12, 2019 9:50:42 AM

Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Your message to legislators goes here! Share why you support making new investments in Oregon students and what it would mean to you, your family, or your community.

As a parent of kids who attended schools in Oregon and experienced reductions in State funding that started in the 1980's I know that restoring art, music, PE and vocational prep. would make a world of difference to the mental health and therefore overall academic achievement of kids. The withdrawal of funding has resulted in kids being under unhealthy stress every school day. If the educational system doesn't respect the fact that kids are human beings with talents in many areas we have defeated the purpose of an educational system.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Rosemary Forester 715 Oak St Ashland, OR 97520-1258