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**To:** [JCSS Exhibits](#)  
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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Good afternoon.

I am a teacher and also a parent of three children in Oregon. I am also a product of Oregon schools and have spent my life in a classroom as the child of a teacher. In my lifetime I have watched schools cut programs and classes and experiences for students. I have seen my TAG son not be served with services in a district like he deserves and I worry for my kinder with an IEP and his teacher next year.

I have worked in Mental Health and Residential Treatment programs my whole career as a teacher and am seeing the level of care needed for students steadily increase. Class sizes are getting bigger. At my sons school they are combining 4/5 grade because they have so few teachers and as a parent and a teacher I feel this is developmentally inappropriate. Kids need to be with kids that are their own age. Teachers need to be able to focus on standards that are for one grade.

If we continue to under fund education that way that we have for the last 20 years we will continue to do a disservice to our students in Oregon. We will continue to put unrealistic pressure on teachers and administrators to serve students with less and less. If we do not fix the funding issues that we have in Oregon in regards to education we will see the impacts for years to come. It's time to invest in our students now so that we can watch the flourish and save the world later. Change the trend. Be the change.

Sincerely,  
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