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To: JCSS Exhibits

**Subject:** April 11 Hearing - Supportive testimony for HB 2019

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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.

I'm on the PTA of Markham Elementary and Jackson Middle School. Every year we work so hard to raise money which ends up paying for things that should have already been funded by the state.

We just allocated \$5000 to cover the cost of books mandated by the Oregon's new curriculum. There was no money allotted by the State to pay for the books teachers were legally required to use.

Who makes a mandatory curriculum change without providing schools with funding to implement these new standards?

We also bought bottles of water and dispensers because our fountains still have lead issues and the children still don't all have access to safe drinking water.

We purchased the janitor a leaf blower to maintain the school grounds.

We routinely fund raise to attempt to bring adequate technology into our classrooms.

These things aren't the responsibility of the PTA.

Please consider adequately funding our schools. At the very least please allocate enough funds to provide the materials for mandatory programs you have chosen to adopt, maintenance needs and clean drinking water.

Sincerely, Cari Carr 4436 SW Alfred St Apt 51 Portland, OR 97219-6942