Dear Joint Commitee on Student success,

My children both go to Richmond Elementary School in Portland. Over the 5 years we have been at the school, we have seen electives eliminated, beloved teachers let go, and constant worries about changes to staffing and classroom size. Our school community was especially sad to say goodbye to two wonderful Education Assistants who were both at the school for decades, and helped two whole generations of kindergartners learn, not only how to read, but also how to be part of a classroom and a community.

It is unfair to the children of Oregon, and the amazing people who teach them to live under this uncertainty and instability. We should not be holding bake sales and plant sales to fund teachers in this state, especially in this economy.

It is a shame that we have come to this point, but I am glad to see the Student Success Act will address some of these concerns. In my opinion, it needs to go even further, but it is a great first step toward making the real investment in the future of our state. Please vote yes.

Sincerely, Holly Telerant 1804 SE 29th Ave Portland, OR 97214-4925