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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Dear Legislators,

I appreciate the work your doing and support funding schools. My name is Kamelah Adams I am Portland Native and currently hold a PTA executive position at Irvington Elementary School. As the PTA Vice President of Racial Equity and Inclusion. My focus is on looking at every policy, procedure, and budgeting decision with an equity lens. Unfortunately, are education system is in a crisis and our kids of color especially are not being served state wide. In my opinion in order to combat the shortcomings of education we need more resources in grades K-3. This is the most important time in children's education cater and the foundation of learning.

I suggest funding education so all kids needs are met especially are kids of color. We need more guidance counselors in school, reading specialist, education assistance and trauma informed care team or counselors and technology. In addition actively recruiting teachers of color and culturally responsive teachers are vital to improve academic outcome for students of color.

Irvinton's PTA is currently funding reading interventions, .5 FTE Office staff, Chromebooks, and a host of other vital resources. With limited funds. I am eager to support this Bill in any way I can.

Sincerely,  
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