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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Hello-

Oregon has the second lowest graduation rate in the country, our class sizes are big, our school year is short, our schools are understaffed and our students and teachers are stressed. Our students face hunger and homelessness, our teachers are struggling to manage emotional and behavioral outbursts without adequate training or support staff. Enough is enough! Oregon needs smaller class sizes, more support staff, more school counselors and free early childhood education.

I believe our state can and should do a better job of allocating money toward education. I am asking you to make education a priority in Oregon THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION by supporting an increase in K-12 State School Fund of \$2 billion. I know it's complicated but I also know there are ways to make this happen by taking a strong stand in support of education, and saying no to efforts or lobbies that prevent this from remaining a top priority.

I am worried that without making an immediate change to the education funding model in our state, our schools will progressively suffer, year after year. The repercussions of that would be far and wide. At the end of the day, our children - THE FUTURE of our city, state and nation - will suffer the most. Please be the ones who worked to help IMPROVE the future of public education in Oregon!

Sincerely,
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