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To: <u>JCSS Exhibits</u>

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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

As a 30+ year veteran, my students, their families, and I have experienced decades of disinvestment in education. It is painfully obvious and has led to the unbelievable point we see and hear about daily in our schools. But, rather than a laundry list of support and professionals that are absent in education, I want to instead emphasize that spending money on education is a smart investment that pays off in future costs. Students that don't get a good education, often have circumstances that lead to high health, judicial and social costs. Investing in education is investing in productive, positive members of our Oregon communities. Our beautiful state, should be number one in education and quality of life.

Sincerely, Mari Jones 28897 Sundance Ln Eugene, OR 97402-9003