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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Oregon must prioritize education funding. Class size is critical to student success and my daughter's 2nd grade class will have over 30 students next year. This is unacceptable for our students and creates an impossible environment for our dedicated teachers who put up with large class sizes despite the fact that they can't do their job well when they have over crowded classrooms. We love our neighborhood school and community, but the building is decrepit with "temporary" classrooms and a small gym that also must serve as the cafeteria. Portland has one of the highest "opt-in" rates for urban school districts, but statistics show we are losing more families and public support each year. The fact that our schools are struggling while Portland is booming and growing during such a prosperous economy also makes me concerned about how our government is prioritizing funding- if we can't support education now, then when? Our state is in a race to the bottom if we can't fund our schools sufficiently.

Sincerely,
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