

Dear Committee Members,

I have been a teacher in the Beaverton School District for almost twenty years. I have had the privilege of working with inspiring students and teachers at Beaverton High School, Whitford Middle School, and Southridge High School. In every school, I have seen bright students who amaze me with their achievements and potential, excellent teachers and administrators who are steadfastly committed to serving our students, and budget shortfalls that are deeply damaging to the work that we are doing. We need funding stability for our kids and for our community. We have all seen the damage done by shortchanging education. Let's fund our schools adequately and reap the benefits of a literate and thoughtful citizenry.

Thank you,

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