JANEEN SOLLMAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 30



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 17, 2019

RE: HB 2964 | Letter of Support

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Thomsen and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I write today in support of HB 2964, a bill that would create the Oregon Education Support Professional of the Year. Anyone that has worked in a school setting knows that the impact of the work that our support staff does extends beyond the classroom. These invaluable members of the school team often go overlooked in the recognition field. They are often the first face of the district that a student sees in their day as they are being greeted at the door, served a hot lunch, or given a smile and a wave goodbye from the bus as they are dropped off safely at home.

Hillsboro School District Superintendent Mike Scott often says, "Every child is one caring adult away from success." From the amazing testimony we heard in the House Education Committee and the many examples I've heard from across the state, we know that these staff members are many times the caring adult making a difference one student at a time. I appreciate all the work being done by the advocates of this bill and I hope that you will support this bill so that we can honor our school staff with this recognition and highlight their efforts of going above and beyond for students every day.

Onward & Upward,

House District 30 State Representative

Janen Sallman