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As an educator of 40 years, I have seen personally the destructive cuts to Oregon's education system.

The effects on the last two generations of Oregonians are now clear; less opportunity, slower economic growth, fewer people escaping poverty, a declining life span, a dependency on state and federal aid and increases in health care and old age care for our citizens.

The current pathway promising more austerity for Oregon's crippled educational system is not sustainable. We must invest.

This is not about paying teachers more. It is about hiring more teachers for more high-tech and high-return programs.

It is about re-creating and restoring decimated educational programs in Vocational Education, Careers, Speech and Debate, High Tech Media and Media Labs, Agriculture for the 21st century, and Land Restoration for future productivity, to name only a few.

We cannot think big, improve Oregonians' lives and land, and create citizens for innovative business, if we are forever retrenching and arguing over the next biennium budget shortfall.

HB 3427 is a start. Vote yes for a start.

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