

*Please include these comments in the official record for HB 3427.*

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

I am writing to you as a teacher of over 20 years from the Beaverton School District where I teach 2nd grade. I am writing to tell you that I believe an investment in the future of education through HB 3427 is the best investment we can make as a state. I believe it will make a HUGE difference in the lives of every Oregon child if we can keep class sizes low, provide needed academic support at all levels and fund schools that include a strong academic core as well as movement, arts, language and strong teachers and administrators. We can't do these things without the help of a \$2 billion dollar investment and a supportive state government.

I have taught in my school district for over 20 years and have faced many budget cuts, some that have been devastating. I can tell you from personal experience that the years I have been able to have a class size below 24 have been much more successful. I have been able to know and understand my students strengths and needs to a much more effective degree. With a class size below 24 I have been able to provide better instruction and lessons because I have had the time and space to manage my students well and plan for quality education. I have also been able to better report to parents about their children, leading to a more successful educational experience.

I am asking you as a professional who loves her job to please do everything you can to fully fund K-12 education in the state of Oregon.

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