

Committee members,

The time to act is now. Please fund our schools.

This school year in Parkrose School District we are taking five furlough/budget reduction days. These days are days our students don't learn and our staff don't get paid, so that we may cover the 1.6 million dollar shortfall to our budget from the last biennium. This is on top of the over 30 furlough days our district, students and staff have had to take over last decade.

At the Governor's budget proposal Parkrose School district will be down almost 4 million dollars in the upcoming biennium. It looks very likely that this year we will need to cut teaching and support positions and the following year take even more furlough days. This is unacceptable.

The Student Success Act would create fairness in our tax system for the benefit of Oregon students. It prioritizes protecting small businesses, while also providing needed revenue for our schools and students. With money to repair the harm that has been done, and invest in Parkrose schools, we will increase bring back programs that have been cut including elementary PE, increase social-emotional supports, add back much needed staff that have been cut.

Please vote Yes for HB 3427 the Student Success Act. Please fund our schools.

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