

Dear Joint Committee of Success,

I am writing to plead with you that INVESTMENT in education can and will make a difference for kids in Oregon.

I know first hand, as a teacher of 13 years, the quality of education I can provide and my ability to meet the individual needs of my students in a class size of 22 vs. the projected size of 26 and up. Five or more additional students makes a big impact in the time I'm able to spend with each student who requires additional support and remediation. A greater class size coupled with an average of 3 students in a class who will have special Individual Education Plans and /or 504 plans requiring modifications and/ or special accommodations will impact all students who need individual teacher time and guidance.

The most valuable investment we can make is in our children's education. When we make education a priority, we give our children opportunity. Opportunity to learn at higher levels than their parents were able to learn; to earn at higher levels than we were able to earn. Martin O'Malley

Thank you for your thoughtful work to adequately fund our most valuable investment-public education in Oregon.

Sincerely,
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