

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Student Success,

On behalf of Beaverton School District's 41,000 students and 5000 employees, I am writing to thank you for your work on HB 3427. After decades of reductions, layoffs and under-funding, there is no more opportune time than now to invest in the students of Oregon by fully funding K-12 education. This investment will strengthen our community for generations to come.

As Beaverton is once again being faced with the reduction of millions of dollars, teacher layoffs and untenable class sizes, HB 3427 gives us hope that these trends will finally come to an end. This is especially important now, as meeting students' academic, social and emotional needs has become increasingly complex. To be successful, we need smaller class sizes and more social-emotional supports for our students.

We urge you to be strong and continue to support this proposal by telling your leadership that you will not adjourn without passage of HB 3427.

Thank you for your work to get us this far. We are counting on you to get us across the finish line.

Sincerely,

Sue Robertson