

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

Hello, thank you for your time today. I have two students in the Parkrose School District and two little ones who will, before I know it, also be in their local public school in Parkrose. I have been disheartened to hear how the government successfully created legislation around creating programs for our kids, but then failed to fund it, time and time again.

Our kids depend on the resources in our school to become well-rounded students. They deserve a fully funded education full of access and opportunities to discover who they are as a person and to move towards fulfilling their passions and dreams. They deserve good teachers who stick around because those teachers can see a future in our district and feel safe getting to know our children and families well. They deserve Educational Assistants who are invested and can help them process their school day in order to keep up with other kids in their grade.

Without full funding, we will continue to drain and burn out our teachers, we will lose consistent staff that makes our schools a true community, our kids will not receive the same arts and physical education that so many other kids in our nation receive, and we will lose out on serving marginalized families through translating services and other support staff who can work directly with them and help them navigate our school system. It isn't equitable to say on one hand that we value our diversity and then short change funding that encourages that diversity.

We cannot, once again, steal from our kid's future and pretend that they will be successful in school and beyond. It is blind hope to continue the cycle of underfunding our schools. We depend on you to take our kid's education seriously.

Please fully fund my kids and our district kid's education!

Regards,  
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