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Subject: SUPPORT for HB 3427
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Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

I am a teacher/administrator in the Bend LaPine School district. We are working with more and more challenging kids with less support. Our special education teacher is 1/2 time in a school of almost 400 students. We have no special education assistant to help him. I help him. Our reading specialist supports students. We have no counselors. Our system is overly taxed. We need to put classified staff back into our buildings. We desperately need some counseling support and we need to staff our schools appropriately with special education personnel. It is time to stop demanding more from teachers with less resources. Our students deserve more and our teachers deserve more.

We've been underfunding our schools and shortchanging our students for decades. The time to act is now, and this is a landmark opportunity to do so. The Student Success Act, HB 3427, would give our students the resources they need and the high-quality education they deserve. 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 measures to ensure funds are being spent wisely, HB 3427 is an accountable way to finally provide critical revenue for Oregon schools. This transformational investment in our schools will mean lower class sizes, increased graduation rates, expanded CTE programs and safer schools through more social-emotional learning. Please vote Yes for The Student Success Act, HB 3427.

Regards,
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