

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

As a semiretired educator with 40 years teaching experience in high school and college, as the child of a district administrator and principal, as the parent of a teacher and as a school volunteer, I am saddened to see how Salem's schools have changed... not only since my school days in the 60s and 70s but even compared to the education of my three children ... just a few years ago. Yes, we've long underfunded our schools. Yes, we've shortchanged our students for decades.. But this has become more than just a difficult situation. 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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