Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

As you well know, Oregonians as citizens and the legislators we have elected have been underfunding our schools and shortchanging our students for nearly 30 years. Today is the day to create a legacy for Oregon students. You are in the position to do so.

Give our students, our teachers, our school districts the resources they need to be successful. You hold the future of the State in your hands.

Dedicate tax dollars to education. Make reliability over volatility your goal in funding. The Student Success Act, HB 3427 is the first major step in committing to students and telling the citizens of Oregon that education is important. Students are important. They are an Oregon resource that should be valued, nurtured, and taken care of for decades and generations to come. We truly believe in lifelong learners - people prepared to provide future solutions and guidance for generations to come.

As a school board member, I know the impact and investment this choice to support education funding can make.

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.

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