

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

My son is in 4th grade and has 29 students in his class. My daughter, had she gone to public school for kindergarten, would have had 31 students in her class - with one teacher and no aides or student teachers to help out. Tell me, can you imagine even supervising 30 5-year-olds for 7+ hours? Let alone TEACHING them? We MUST fix our education system and we MUST fund education fully so that we can decrease our class sizes. Kindergarten should NEVER have more than 25 kids/class and ideally only 20. Children cannot learn without one-on-one instruction and that is impossible with class sizes as large as they are. Please support our students and vote for The Student Success Act.

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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