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Dear Joint Student Success Committee:

First and foremost, thank you for truly making an effort to travel around the State of Oregon to observe and gather information regarding the state of PreK-12 education. Your efforts to reach out to students, parents, educators, and other community members is to be commended.

Due to your advocacy to meet the needs of children throughout Oregon, you are responsible for the formation of HB 3427, which would make the most significant investment in our PreK-12 education system in history. A 2 Billion dollar investment would get us near the Quality Education Model. Having served as a superintendent for over 22 years in small, medium, and large districts, I have seen first hand, the inability of educators to provide the necessary resources due to unstable and insufficient funding. knowing we have this unique opportunity to create an education environment that would be sustainable and provide quality services for all children, Pre-K through grade 12 is very exciting and has both short term and long lasting implications.

The ability to serve children before they enter the K-12 system will allow us to eliminate the achievement and opportunity gap. Having children ready for kindergarten will also allow the K-12 system to increase rigor throughout the system. Your additional investments to address social and emotional behaviors, expanding learning time, lowering class sizes, diversifying our workforce, increasing graduation rates, expanding career technical education, supporting professional educator learning, and addressing poverty, language, and special education barriers will and ensure our students are career and college ready.

In closing, there is no better investment to make to improve and sustain Oregon's economy. Creating and supporting a quality and diverse workforce is vital to support our local economy and compete in a global environment. Our children are our future, and I applaud you for your passion and commitment ensure all students have access to a quality education. If there is anything I can do to support you in your efforts, please do not hesitate to reach out. The Beaverton School District stands ready to advocate and support you in any manner. Thank you for making a difference for the children of Oregon.

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