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I am an educator who has experienced the instability and insufficiency of the Oregon education budget over the past ten years. Oregon has struggled hard to do its best with current funding levels and sources--let's see what heights it can reach now.

Students, the children and future of Oregon, will benefit from this sound and fair source of funding. Student deserve and will thrive on lower class sizes, counselors, instructional aides, bringing back career and technical programs, and also more basic enrichment experiences like music or library time.

There are students in Oregon who go to school four days a week because their district can't afford five. There are primary aged students in classes of 30 kids. There are children and families struggling with mental health issues, and teachers and administrators must try their best to help them without expertise or qualifications because there's no one else on staff. This money would not be spent frivolously--what I appreciate about the act is it is responsibly designed to make sure that the benefits go to the school experience of students.

I can say that there would then be a ripple of relief that would spread to the hard-working adults in schools across the state. Teachers with smaller classes, and who know that their job will exist next year instead of constantly being in question, can perform to their highest potential. Classroom aides will be treated with dignity and proper appreciation when schools don't have to split up the positions needed to keep hours below receiving benefits.

Schools are desperate for this. Please fill the need and vote Yes for The Student Success Act.

Thank you,
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