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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to share my support for more consistent and adequate funding for schools across Oregon. I, myself, am a Kindergarten teacher in the Beaverton School District and my daughter is a first grader in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. For me, classsize is a huge factor that needs to be addressed. Students need a supportive environment in which they can have their voices heard and their academic and emotional needs met. The larger the class size the harder it is for students to feel supported, especially in the primary grades. I also want to share my struggle for the support for the increasing number of students that not ready to enter the school environment for whatever reasons. There are more and more dysregulated students or students that require more support than one teacher and a class of 24+ students can support. Unfortunately, our system is working more reactively instead of proactively when it comes to these kids. We are taking months and sometimes almost an entire school year to get them the support the need to feel successful in the school environment. This is too long and impacts not only that student, but the entire classroom of kids, families of those in that class, the teacher and also the entire school. Often extra support people are called out of their jobs to assist these students. We need change. We need adequate support staff and small classrooms where kids can be supported. We need to come together to change the ways schools are funded and operated.

Thank you for listening and I hope that you will support the restructuring and funding of schools in a more consistent and adequate way.

Thank you, Amy Holland