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Coalition of Communities of Color urges a YES on the Student Success Act

The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) is proud to support the Student Success Act (House Bill 3427,) which will fund transformative and culturally specific programming in Oregon schools. In our work advocating on behalf of African, African American, Asian, Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, Native American, Pacific Islander, and Slavic Oregonians, we've seen firsthand the toll that decades of disinvestment has taken on communities of color across Oregon.

We are thrilled to support a funding package that is responsive to the needs of black, brown, indigenous, immigrant, and refugee students in Oregon and will help to close the opportunity gap. The Student Success Act funds culturally specific programs from early learning through k-12.

At CCC, we are particularly excited to see:

- Funding for the Latino, African American, and Native American Student Success plans.
- The requirement that districts provide accountable and specific resources to close the opportunity gap.
- Full funding of the Early Childhood Equity Fund and Measure 98 career and technical education.

These programs will be highly effective because they are informed by impacted communities. But too often, culturally specific programs are the first programs to receive one-time funding or no funding at all. We know they are essential to closing the opportunity gap and beginning to address the systemic racism and oppression that students of color face daily. We thank you for listening to advocates and equity experts by implementing many of the best practices we shared with the JCSS committee