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Oregon Legislature Redistricting Committees  
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Chairs Salinas, Boshart Davis, and Taylor, Vice Chair Knopp, and members of the House and Senate Redistricting Committees,

As leaders of the Tigard-Tualatin School District, we urge you to honor the strong connection of our community as you redraw legislative boundaries. We believe that the city of Tigard should remain whole as its own district supplemented by a neighboring area (including Metzger, Bull Mountain, or King City, all of which we serve). We also believe that the cities of Tualatin and Durham should remain together in another district, as two communities that frequently partner with one another, both of which our district serves.

The Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) is one of the ten largest school districts in Oregon, serving over 12,000 students. Our school district includes the municipalities of Tigard, Tualatin, King City, and Durham, as well as unincorporated areas of Washington County and Clackamas Counties, including Metzger and Bull Mountain. We have two comprehensive high schools, Tigard High School and Tualatin High School, in addition to Creekside Community High School, which offer flexible learning options, high levels of support, and transformative engagement opportunities.

Our community shares a strong commitment to public education. TTSD has been fortunate to earn strong public support for bonds and levies dedicated to the educational needs of children, which have invested hundreds of millions of dollars into our local schools. TTSD frequently partners with our city governments and local nonprofits to provide services to our students. Additionally, we have strong partnerships with the Chambers of Commerce, including our #WorkReady program, to promote career exploration and support the development of a skilled, home-grown workforce.

We urge the redistricting committees to honor the existing boundaries of our municipal partners and the close connection of our community to ensure that our school district will receive the representation that it deserves in the state legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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