

March 16, 2021

RE: HB3294: Relating to feminine hygiene products in public schools

Dear Chair Alonso Leon and members of the House Education Committee,

On January 25, 2021 the Tigard Tualatin School Board unanimously approved modifying policy JHC, Student Health Services and Requirements, requiring the school district provide period products free of charge in all secondary school female and gender-neutral bathrooms.

This initiative was brought to the board by the Tigard Tualatin Student Union and the Period Clubs of Tigard and Tualatin High Schools. One student shared her experience of starting her cycle on the day of college admissions testing where no additional bags are allowed in school. You can imagine how the rest of this story played out given that we did not offer products that would be easily obtained in the restrooms. I appreciated the honesty and bravery this student displayed when presenting her story to the board.

Our students did the research and presented a sound argument for why these resources need to be available in the Tigard-Tualatin school restrooms. I respectfully submit testimony on behalf of the Tigard-Tualatin School Board advocating in support of HB3294 where all districts across Oregon be required to provide the same access for their students.

Sincerely,

Maureen J. Wolf

Chair, Tigard-Tualatin School Board