



# Corvallis

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 15, 2024

Oregon Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Oregon Joint Committee on Transportation,

We strongly support prioritizing funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs across our state. As the Superintendent of Corvallis Public Schools, I believe investing in SRTS initiatives is crucial for our communities' well-being and our children's safety.

SRTS programs play a pivotal role in promoting active lifestyles among children, reducing traffic congestion around schools, and improving pedestrian and cyclist safety. By creating safe walking and biking routes, these programs encourage children and their families to choose healthier transportation alternatives, ultimately leading to improved physical and mental well-being.

Furthermore, SRTS initiatives contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing carbon emissions associated with car transportation to schools. By investing in infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, and traffic calming measures, we can create safer environments for all road users, especially our youngest and most vulnerable.

We urge the committee to prioritize funding for Safe Routes to School programs in the upcoming budget allocation. By doing so, we can ensure that every child in Oregon has the opportunity to travel to and from school safely and independently. Additionally, investing in SRTS will help foster stronger communities, enhance public health outcomes, and support our broader goals of sustainability and equity.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter. We look forward to seeing continued support and investment in Safe Routes to School programs to benefit the children and families of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Noss".

Ryan Noss, D.Ed.  
Superintendent