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As the School Garden Coordinator and Educator at Kids Unlimited Charter School with the Medford School District, I would love to discourage the use of harmful chemicals on our surrounding landscape and in Oregon Schools. It is harmful to our sensitive children who are more susceptible to the negative impacts of these chemicals. It also interferes with our ability to grow healthy food on site for our kids to eat and our pollinators to thrive on. We need to treat pesticides like other toxic chemicals found in schools with appropriate use and record keeping. There are low-impact pesticides that can be exchanged for more harmful ones and this would help us to utilize them in our schools. Please consider the health of our children and our planet.