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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB575

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Chair Dembrow
Vice-Chair Weber

Members of the Senate Committee on Education

RE: Support of SB 575 – Student Success Plan for Students with Disabilities

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee,
I am a parent of a student receiving special education services in Multnomah County (PPS), and I am writing in support of SB 575 to establish the Student Success Plan for Students with Disabilities.

My daughter Winnie is in first grade. She has Cerebral Palsy and is deaf/blind with other disabilities. School has been such a blessing to our family, we want to make sure that Special Education in Oregon is the best it can be. Please pass SB 575, to continue to prioritize the inclusion and progress of students with disabilities.

SB 575 would create targeted strategies to improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities by:

Better preparing teachers and school staff to serve students with disabilities through professional development and inclusionary best practices.

Improving data disaggregation to reveal disproportionate outcomes at disability intersections like race, ethnicity, gender identity, location, educational placement, and disability type. This will help us target our approach to the students who are at greatest risk of being left behind.

Fostering better engagement between families and educators by establishing Special Education Advisory Councils in each school district, or within education service districts serving small districts.

Please support SB 575 and the creation of a Students with Disabilities Success Plan, so we can ensure that all students have the resources they need to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jenny Hoyt
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