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Bill: House Bill 2767

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Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Hudson and Wright, and members of the House Committee on Education:

I am writing today in support of House Bill 2767, which will create a long-term, sustainable funding and governance model for recovery high schools in Oregon. Recovery high schools provide a safe, supportive education for youth in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders and **it is critical that Oregon begin investing in these life-saving programs.**

HB 2767 is the product of an interim interagency workgroup commissioned by HB 5202 in 2022 and offers a clear, collaborative path forward to expand, support and govern recovery high schools across the state.

Students throughout our state and also in Oregon City struggle with mental health, substance abuse and access to care. As a school system, we can not meet all the needs of our students nor do we have access to services or expertise to do so. We need options. We are passionate about meeting the needs of each and every student but the substance abuse is at a scale that surpasses us; we need new ideas for serving our youth.

Oregon now ranks last in the nation for substance use treatment and recovery support. This legislation provides a cost-effective and proven way to support adolescents in recovery as they work to gain their high school diploma.

On behalf of Oregon City School District, **I urge your support for House Bill 2767** and ask that you vote **YES** on this critically-needed, thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,

Dr. Dayle Spitzer