



## West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3Jt

March 9, 2023

Bill: House Bill 2767

Position: Support

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. Students of families who reside in West Linn and Wilsonville have had the benefit of a recovery high school in our community, Harmony Academy Recovery High School.

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. Oregon ranks 47th 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 myself, I urge your support for House Bill 2767 and ask that you vote YES on this critically-needed, thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Ludwig".

Kathy Ludwig, Superintendent