



## OREGON COALITION OF COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS

I write to you on behalf of the Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools, our state's charter support organization and are a coalition of community-based, public charter schools representing all corners of our state. We represent approximately 26,000 public school students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, operating in about 100 buildings.

Now more than ever, we have seen how Oregon families and students have varying needs and wants when it comes to their education. Our schools, as public charter schools, have been developed to meet these varying needs and our educational models are founded on the principle of meeting our students where they are.

As you consider funding for the Oregon Department of Education's non-SSF budget, HB 5014, I want to draw your attention to a few items of most importance to us as public charter schools:

- Full funding for the Student Success Act: The targeted investments that public charter schools have access to such through the High School Success grants, Student Investment Account, and the Early Learning Account are pivotal to provide charter school students with a well rounded education and wrap-around services. ORC3S supports a fully funded Student Success Act that continues to include public charter schools.
- \$7 million to prepare educators to implement Oregon's new Ethnic Studies Standards by 2026. \$1.4 million should be allocated to the Oregon Department of Education to develop culturally responsive professional learning content in partnership with impacted communities, and the remainder should be invested in the Educator Advancement Council to ensure educators across our state have access to these professional learning opportunities. [SB 1050]
- Full funding for ODE to launch an inclusive process to standardize and improve how every school district in Oregon collects and reports student race and ethnicity demographic data by 2026. [HB 3288]

- \$30 million to support culturally responsive, community-based summer learning and after-school programs that boost youth engagement, accelerate learning, and nurture the health and well-being of students and their families. [SB 531] We urge this committee to invest in these critical priorities and pass their corresponding policy bills, all of which are essential to advancing a more racially just and community-centered education system for Oregon children.

We urge this committee to invest in these critical priorities, pass their corresponding policy bills, and ensure our public charter schools are able to ensure a community-centered education system for Oregon children.

Best,

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