



TO: House Committee on Education  
FROM: Stacy Michaelson, East Multnomah County Schools  
RE: HB 4082  
DATE: February 5, 2024

Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Wright and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony on behalf of the six school districts in East Multnomah County, as well as Multnomah Education Service District. Collectively, these districts serve nearly 40,000 students. I'm writing in favor of HB 4082-1.

Despite the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic being a few years behind us, students are displaying a higher acuity of need, both academically as well as mentally/socially. One way school districts can give students the additional support they need is through robust summer learning opportunities. Previous funding for summer learning went a long way toward ensuring students could continue to make up ground, and the loss of funding in 2023 was noticeable.

We support the proposed investment in summer learning for 2024, which will allow districts to maximize their funds. We appreciate the flexibility in the proposal to blend/braid with other funding sources as well as to work with local partners. Many of us leverage our existing SUN School partnerships in our summer learning efforts and this will help ensure that we can provide a well-rounded experience for students.

We are also very grateful for the forward-looking language in the bill. Investments in summer learning are most effective when school districts have adequate time to plan for programming. In a perfect world this starts in the fall/winter prior to the summer. If the State could move to a process/system where there is consistent funding for summer learning, we as school districts could more thoughtfully include planning for summer learning from the outset of each school year, which would benefit staff and students alike.

We are hopeful for an investment to support our summer learning work in 2024, and we are very eager for a long-term plan that includes ongoing investments in after-school and summer support for students. Thank you for your consideration of HB 4082-1 and your continued support of Oregon's students.