

Hello, Thank you for the opportunity to speak today in support of Summer Learning and HB 4082. I'm Bill Patterson from Klamath Falls. I'm the Program Director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center After School program for Klamath Falls City Schools.

In partnership with the school district, national and local Non-profit organizations, and community partner businesses and individuals, we have successfully operated a Summer Learning program in Klamath Falls the last 3 years.

We were able to use Covid carryover 21st CCLC grant funding to help over 300 students in 2022 and grow to 600 students in 2023. Without the partnership between our school district, our community partners and 21st CCLC, this would have been impossible.

Our district provided facilities for all our camps along with food service, transportation and access to district staff to facilitate and improve our program.

Our community partners provided staffing, expertise and a varied list of activities for our students. The activities ranged from sports, Symphony, Robotics, Horseback riding, farm camps and day camps.

21st CCLC provided Credit Recovery, elementary activity camp, staffing, funding and administrative functions. Our credit Recovery program served 103 students in 2022 that recovered 87 credits. In 2023 that grew to 135 students and 95 credits.

In total we had over 75 academic and enrichment camps in summer 22 & 23 for students to choose.

The partnerships with the school district and our community partners was vital to our success. Utilizing the strengths and passions of each group helped us to work together to create this success story.

I urge you to continue this important funding to enable us to grow and reach more students. The need is great both academically and emotionally.

One of the most important factors in effective education is attendance. I didn't go to school everyday to learn Algebra, I went to see my friends and hopefully get enough nerve to talk to that girl I liked. Summer programs help kids make that type of strong bond that can last through high school and beyond.