

Dear Chair Neron and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joshua Brigl, and I am a resident of Coburg with a daughter attending Coburg Charter School (CCS). I am writing to express my strong support for HB3444.

When my wife and I were deciding where to raise our family, school ratings were a high priority. We couldn't ignore the rising home prices across the area, but we also considered how highly CCS ranked in comparison to schools in Eugene and Springfield. In 2018, we made the decision to move to Coburg, and we were fortunate that our daughter was selected through the lottery to attend CCS as a Kindergartener.

CCS serves as an exemplary model of success, achieved through a well-designed curriculum, strong community support, and a highly dedicated staff. Serving students from Kindergarten through 8th grade, CCS is the highest-rated school in the area. It is no coincidence that the dedication of great teachers, active parental involvement, and a collaborative community foster the best student outcomes in the region. What CCS has accomplished should be studied and replicated in other schools. However, rather than being recognized for its success, CCS faces the challenge of reduced financial support, limited facility budgets, and an overreliance on parental volunteering.

An increase in financial support would allow for competitive salaries for our teachers, ensuring they are compensated for their hard work and dedication. More funding would also enable necessary building maintenance, ensuring that our children have a safe, enriching environment in which to learn. Increased financial support would enhance security, both physically and emotionally, for staff and families, creating an even better learning environment for our students.

CCS serves both Coburg and nearby communities, and through its demonstrated student success, it deserves the same level of funding as public schools to continue educating our children effectively.

Thank you for considering this important issue.

Respectfully,

Joshua Brigl

Parent of CCS Student