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Beyoung Yu,

He Him and Ive been a Portland Public Schools elementary ELD teacher for over 10 years.

It seems like every year we are being asked to do more with less

I am often asked to cancel ELD classes to support SpED classrooms.

This is what our schools do,
Pit one marginalized group against another because our communities are understaffed.

While politicians debate whether class size caps should be a mandatory conversation in bargaining.

Dual language educators are teaching twice the curriculum in classrooms that weren't designed to have 30 plus.

(You may of heard about it on our strike lines,

Hot Cold Rats Mold
This is getting really old.)

Public schools should be our equalizer, but these days we're not even setting a bar for equality let alone equity when we refuse to fund schools past the QEM.

This current federal administration of billionaires is busy dismantling the department of education.

They want us to privatize schools so their pockets can provide less resources for our communities.

This IS that moment in time where we double down as a state and prioritize over funding education rather than align with a dictatorship.

If Oregon really is a sanctuary state we should be protecting our immigrant communities and increasing the supports we offer in our classrooms.

Fund past the QEM, Eliminate the SpED cap, Make class size a mandatory bargaining conversation

Anything less is performative to the communities folx are elected to serve.

You know that saying building the plane while you're flying it?

I hate it.

The plane should be built and staffed before it takes kids off the ground.

Thank you