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On Behalf Of:

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On Education

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I am writing to you as a concerned parent of three children enrolled in Portland Public Schools. It's time to get creative and find ways to fund our schools. I urge you to pass legislation that appropriates more funding to the Department of Education for the State School Funds.

As you know, the current funding landscape for education has left many districts, including ours, facing significant budget cuts. These cuts threaten the essential services and resources that support our students. Without adequate funding, Portland Public Schools will be forced to reduce staff, limit services, and cut programs that are instrumental in providing our children with the education they deserve. For instance, reductions in specialized teaching staff and resources could result in larger class sizes and diminished one-on-one support. This would not only hinder academic growth but also affect the emotional well-being of students who thrive on structured support and encouragement.

Today gives us an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to all students. By properly investing in the State School Fund, we can protect and enhance the learning environment for our children, giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Our children's futures depend on the decisions made today. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rachael Radick