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Oregon needs to increase its funding for schools now. With all our students still recovering from pandemic learning losses, and districts facing increased costs due to inflation, more funding is needed to just avoid horrific cuts to services.

Beyond just providing a quality education to our children, fully funding schools is also smart policy. Education reduces crime. An educated workforce boosts our economy. In the long term, more funding for education will pay dividends for years to come. School employees are local residents who spend that money in the local economy.

I have 3 children in Oregon public schools. They are facing devastating cuts and awful class size increases. The teachers and staff are dedicated professionals, who work hard every day to take care of our children and help them learn and grow. We must not fail them.