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Please fund SB 5516. Our children deserve adequately funded schools, which is something they do not currently have. The last 2 years alone have seen deep cuts to my daughter's school in Portland. These include several positions supporting 1) special education, resulting in inability to address needs of our most vulnerable students, 2) classroom teachers, making class sizes untenable and 3) most recently our assistant principal who is a key staff member addressing student support day to day. When key staff positions are gutted, our children and the remaining teachers suffer and I have seen this firsthand. My daughter is lagging behind academically despite heroic attempts by her teachers to help her. They simply don't have the resources and staffing to support each child adequately.

Please invest in the education of our children!