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I work as a School Counselor in a school with with a very diverse population with high poverty and many English Language Learners. We have more than our share our students with disabilities; we have nine students with autism and high speech needs. We need higher funding to cover the needs of our student and more staff to cover those needs. We also have a lot of students with mental health issues and need both of our School Counselors and a Social Worker to even get close to helping out those students-having two counselors at an elementary school is unusual. Especially with the cuts coming from the federal government with the loss of the Department of Education, we will need more funding than ever. Please do not abandon us with more cuts to education-we need you to do the right thing and fully fund education in Oregon.