

Dear Committee Members,

**** PLEASE INCLUDE THESE COMMENTS IN THE OFFICAL RECORD FOR HB 3427 ****

I am writing in support of HB 3427 - the Student Success Act. I believe education is the cornerstone of our society and everything possible should be done to ensure all students, regardless of race, religion, creed, or national origin, have the opportunity to learn and advance as far as their abilities will take them. I believe it is a fundamental obligation of government to provide these services. That is why it is so important for the Oregon Legislature to increase funding for K-12 schools. It is vitally important you and all of our elected officials in Salem display the courage and discipline necessary to make this funding a reality.

This necessary investment in education will make a difference and produce tangible future results. Each student who is successful and graduates from high school has a much higher chance of becoming a contributing member of our society; a member who is employed, pays taxes, and has an opportunity to follow their dreams. Students who are not successful in school because wrap-around services or instructional supports were eliminated, are very likely to continue to be unscussessful in life and add to the burden on social and governmental support systems. In the long run, this post-K12 burden is tremendously more expensive.

I strongly urge you to properly fund K12 education NOW and pass a budget which includes the additional funding outlined in HB 3427.

Thank you,

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