

To whom it may Concern:

I am a teacher in Beaverton. I implore you to support HB3472. We must adequately fund out schools. I have taught kindergarten classes at 28 and am now teaching a second grade class of 27. These numbers are too high and we are looking at them getting higher next year with fewer supports.

On a daily basis I deal with highly impacted kids with extreme behavior issues, academic challenges (working 1 year or more below grade level) and families that have challenges so large they have a hard time keeping up with the daily life of their children, and so I'm offering support and accommodations for them. It is overwhelming at this time and if classes get bigger I'm not sure how one teacher can reach all those kids.

I believe in differentiated, hands on instruction. I believe in teaching kids, not curriculum. In order to do so, class size matters. Adequate funding for schools matters. We must have manageable class sizes and school wide support of academic intervention and counseling services for these kids.

We need to invest in our future leaders. We need to propel them forward with the best education in an ever changing world. Please support HB3472. It is essential to adequately fund out schools.

**Signed,
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