Joint Committee on Student Success: Fund for Student Success

The Joint Committee on Student Success (JCSS) has released details on the “Fund for Student Success,” contained in House Bill 3427. The fund would structure new investments in K-12 and early education, making good on the commitment to provide all Oregon students a quality education. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ADVOCATE FOR A “YES” VOTE ON THIS HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN STUDENTS.

Investments
After restoring current service levels for the State School Fund, additional funding would be split into three new accounts.

Student Investment Account (50%)
This plan gives schools the latitude to target investments where they are most needed at the local level.

Eligible Uses for Student Investment Account
- Additional learning time
- Students’ physical and social-emotional health and safety
- Class size reduction
- Expand K-3 reading programs
- Middle school college and career-connected learning
- Counseling and student support programs
- Broadening curriculum options

Performance Metrics for Student Investment Account
- On-time graduation rate
- Percentage of students who finish ninth grade with 6 credits toward graduation
- Percentage of third graders reading at or above grade level
- Percentage of students classified as regular attenders
- Additional local measures

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Statewide Education Initiatives Account (30%)
Funds statewide programs to help all schools raise performance.

Distributed to support:

• Student Success Teams to provide Oregon Department of Education support for districts failing to achieve growth targets
• Fully Fund Measure 98 with an additional $133 million for dropout prevention, career and technical education, and dual enrollment options
• Universal Free Meals through school breakfast and lunch programs.
• Pilot programs to re-engage youths who have left high school
• High Cost Disability Fund to better help districts support students on an IEP
• School Safety Task Force recommendations including statewide safety net for students and suicide prevention personnel in every region of the state
• Funding for culturally specific community-based organizations that work in schools to improve student engagement and graduation rates
• Work groups to improve transparency and reduce bureaucracy in Oregon’s education system
• Education service districts’ work with schools

Early Learning Account (20%)
Funds statewide early learning programs, including:

• Full funding of Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (birth-5)
• Relief nurseries
• New Early Childhood Equity Fund
• Oregon pre-K programs
• Professional development for early childhood educators
• Early Head Start
• Preschool Promise up to 200% of federal poverty levels

It’s time to act!
Our students deserve this generational investment in their future. Contact your legislator today and ask for a “yes” vote on HB 3427.