

THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

"It's unacceptable that Oregon schools rank in the bottom third nationally.¹ I believe that all children are capable of achieving academic success. We must raise our expectations for public education outcomes. Our students must have greater opportunities to build their academic skills as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic." – Jessica Gomez

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Support for Parents: Parents should be given a choice of the public school best suited for their child, provided that school has space for that student in the classroom.

Charter schools should be supported. By giving families ways to support academic excellence, students will become more self-disciplined, more involved in school, more responsible, and eager to learn. Parent/Guardian Workshops can help. These workshops should be integrated with our public education system.

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Support for Teachers: Large class sizes make it more difficult for teachers to keep everyone engaged. Implement K-12 instructor-to-student ratio standards

for core academics such as math, science and language arts. Adding more in-class support for teachers will provide the individualized attention students need.

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Close the Achievement Gap: If a student graduates from our K-12 system, and is required to take remedial courses at an Oregon public college, those courses

should be provided at no cost to the student, including tutoring and bilingual support.

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Youth Apprenticeships: Measure 97 enabled schools to bring back career technical education. It's time to take this to the next level with a statewide youth

apprenticeship model. Starting in 11th grade, students should be offered the opportunity to work in an industry of their choice, earn academic credit and learn a trade. Align high school curriculum with regional workforce needs, and partner with industry associations to develop apprenticeships for high demand Oregon jobs. Let's make Oregon a leader in hands-on learning.

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Universal College Credit: To reduce the cost of college education and improve outcomes, there must be better coordination between higher education institutions. Implement a universal college credit program that ensures all credits are transferable in full between any community college or public university in the state.

"Our next governor must bring innovation and improvement to Oregon's struggling education system. No student should be denied the opportunity to achieve their goals due to our state's inability to change the status quo. Jessica is a forward thinker."

– Gabriel Braet

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¹ Oregonian/OregonLive, Jan 9, 2019