HEALTHY KIDS LEARN BETTER
Training Cadre

Ben Cannon and
Oregon Education Investment Board
254 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

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Dear Mr. Cannon and Members of the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB):

We are the Healthy Kids Learn Better (HKLB) Cadre of Trainers, Oregon's health education cadre, and one of three bodies forming the HKLB Partnership. The HKLB training cadre plays an essential role in providing professional development opportunities to educators across the state. The trainers provide quality District-wide training in:

- School Health Advisory Committees (SHAC's)
- Health education standards and assessment
- Health education mapping & alignment
- Health education curriculum analysis (for the selection and adoption of health curricula)

As well as curricula trainings in the following areas:

- Comprehensive health education
- HIV/AIDS/Sexuality education
- Nutrition education
- Alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention

Cadre trainers are passionate about the health and well-being of Oregon's youth and include teachers, prevention specialists, professors, health education consultants, and public health professionals. We have seen first-hand the value of providing health education training that can be utilized in classrooms and educators often express the value that the trainings add to their classrooms.

As educators and professionals, we are in full support of the HKLB Coalition's recommendations to the OEIB to develop an infrastructure and support in education to reduce health related barriers to learning.

Thank you for taking on the task of improving Oregon's education system and for your commitment to the health, well-being, and academic success of all students throughout Oregon.

Sincerely,

Healthy Kids Learn Better Cadre of Trainers (signers listed below)
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