I am PTA Vice President for Wilson High School in Portland. My husband and I both graduated from WWHS, as did three of my nieces, our son, and our daughter will graduate with honors next year. Over the years, I've watched parents and school districts put band-aids on our funding and build bridges to keep our schools open. Since 1979, I've watched many PPS schools close. It's time for a permanent solution to school funding. It's time to figure out how to restore the great reputation Oregon public schools achieved decades ago and have since lost. It's pretty simple really:

We either spend it on our kids in school or we end up spending it on them in jail.

That's not a viable choice. Please seriously consider what can be done to give our schools adequate, stable funding for the long term very soon.

Thank you,
--Maureen Berrie-Lawson, Wilson PTA VP, Wilson Area Arts Council, WWHS Alumni Assn