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## Statement from House Republican Leader Christine Drazan on Decision to Close Schools for Remainder of Academic Year

Salem, ORE. – Today, House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) released the following statement:

"Today's announcement that Oregon schools are closed for the academic year comes as no surprise. The Oregon Department of Education indicated they would likely close schools for the remainder of the year in their earlier guidance.

This announcement confirms the decision to move forward with distance learning. Let's support the work of our graduating seniors by giving them access to a comprehensive education through the end of their k-12 career. This is the leadership needed to honor their years of hard work and commitment to achieve the future of their dreams.

All willing seniors must be given the opportunity to complete creditable distance learning courses whether they were on track to graduate in the new pass/fail system or not, to complete their senior year with the achievement of a full diploma. Our students attend school to learn, not to simply progress through a system to achieve a credential. Let them learn."