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**Washington County Educators and Lawmakers Discuss Impacts of School Funding at Public Education Town Hall**

Beaverton, OR - Last night, educators from the Hillsboro Education Association, Hillsboro Classified United, Forest Grove Education Association, and the Beaverton Education Association met with state lawmakers at a public education town hall to discuss the state's role in adequately funding Oregon's neighborhood public schools. More than 600 educators, students, and community members attended the event.

**"Education is an investment in our future,"** said Hillsboro Education Association President Mary Kay Babcock. **"Oregon must take bold action: fully funding education, lifting the cap on, and fully funding, Special Education, ensuring equal pay for equal work in community colleges, and passing HB 3652"**

Educators shared stories about the impact new resources would have for the students and communities they serve, and lawmakers asked educators to share about the challenges being faced in public schools across Washington County.

**"I was excited to spend an evening listening to our community,"** said Rep. Susan McLain (D-Forest Grove). **"Educators, students, and parents provided valuable insight on opportunities to improve our education system and support students and staff."**

**"We owe it to our children to provide the best education so that our students have the tools they need to learn, grow, and thrive,"** said Rep. Hai Pham (D-S Hillsboro & W Beaverton). **"Thank you to all of our educators, support staff, and parents for their commitment to our students and youth."**

Lawmakers included:

- Senator Janeen Sollman
- Senator Wlmsvey Campos
- Representative Courtney Neron
- Representative Susan McLain
- Representative Hai Pham
- Representative Nathan Sosa
- Representative Farrah Chaichi (staff)

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