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## Senate Republicans Offer Real Solutions for Oregon's Education Crisis

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, Senate Republicans took to the floor to highlight the urgent challenges facing Oregon's education system and outline real solutions to help fix them. Oregon's education system needs real change, not more bureaucracy.

"Oregonians are tired of watching the same problems get worse, session after session. Parents are frustrated, teachers are burned out, and students are falling behind," said **Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles)**. "And yet, the system remains unchanged—bogged down by layers of bureaucracy, misplaced priorities, and policies that put politics over students."

Instead of lowering expectations and adding red tape, the focus must be on empowering students, parents, and teachers.

**Funding Education First (SJR 25)**: "SJR 25 puts education first, ensuring school funding is prioritized before any other budget measure. No more political games. No more using our kids as bargaining chips. Just real accountability," said **Bonham**.

**Tackling Chronic Absenteeism (SB 456)**: "Two out of every five students are missing too much school. We know kids don't just wake up one day and decide not to go to school. They face real challenges that require real solutions," said **Senator Suzanne Weber (R-Tillamook)**.

**Expanding School Choice (SB 562)**: "Education should be about opportunity, not restriction. If a school isn't working for a child, they should be free to find one that does," said **Senator Bruce Starr (R-Dundee)**.

**Increasing Access to Child Care (SB 439, SB 567)**: "A child's future doesn't begin in a classroom; it begins in the earliest years, with access to safe, reliable care. Supporting working parents and increasing child care availability isn't just an economic issue—it's an investment in the well-being of our children," said **Senator Dick Anderson (R-Lincoln City)**.

"It's results that matter, not money," added **Senator Noah Robinson (R-Cave Junction)**.

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