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Regarding: Charter School Subcommittee – Chet Edwards

Dear Kate and Jessica,

I am writing in strong support of Chet Edwards' appointment to the State Board of Education Charter School Subcommittee. Both my Chief of Staff, Sue Hagmeier, and I have known Chet for over twenty years, and believe that his depth and breadth of experience in the area of charter schools, alternative education, and education options generally would be an enormous asset to the subcommittee.

As a member of the Portland School Board and chair of their Education Options Committee, Sue worked closely with Chet during the early years of implementing Oregon's charter school law. Chet assisted applicants and created an accessible framework for them to use in assembling their applications. He also provided essential, professional staff support to the committee as it evaluated charter school applications.

Chet has been a part of nearly every aspect of charter, alternative and focus option schools. He has developed guidance and assistance for applicants. He has developed criteria for evaluating applications. He has provided support and documentation for school board considerations of applications. He has monitored compliance and performance of charters, in both their academic and business aspects. He has led alternative schools as principal. He has assisted charters in documenting their operations for purposes of accreditation or charter renewal.

Chet knows charters from many perspectives: authorizer, operator, administrator, teacher, policy maker and consultant, and is uniquely qualified to contribute to this subcommittee. In addition, I believe his professionalism is anchored by his commitment to making better opportunities for kids to learn and grow.

If you have questions, please call me at 503-975-7009 or Sue Hagmeier at 503-358-0188.

Sincerely,

Rep. Lew Frederick