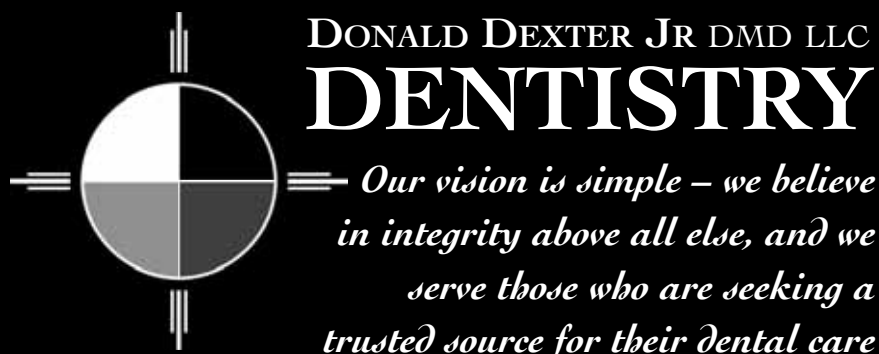




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— HILLARY JOHNSON, STRONG SCHOOLS EUGENE

of all of you today,” he said. For people in America “no matter who they are, schools are their ticket to a better life,” Contreras said. “This is a promise that America gives to everybody.”

Hillary Johnson, a local parent with two kids who has volunteered to chair the school funding campaign, asked people in front rows to look back at the standing-room-only crowd packed into the school library. “Look at this sea of support.”

“I don’t want this generation of school kids, my kids, my neighbor’s kids, my friends’ kids and every school kid in Eugene to suffer because of the incredible harm we are doing by financially starving our schools,” Johnson said, her voice breaking with emotion.

“Year after year after year, we are asking our school and our teachers to do more with less,” Johnson said. “In both Bethel and 4J school districts, the children have had to bear the brunt of multi-million-dollar cuts and next fall more cuts are planned. This will mean laying off more than 100 teachers and increasing already large class sizes and cutting six or more school days from our calendar in Oregon, a state that already has the second shortest school year in the nation.”

In jobs terms, Johnson said, “We need education for our workforce so business can hire good people locally. We need a decent public education system to attract new employers and top level employees. The quality of public schools is a major factor in business location decisions.”

The “modest temporary measure” is “for the sake of our children” and economic development, Johnson said. The four-year tax exempts the poor and has a

progressive rate structure with rates rising with income, similar to federal taxes. For a family of four making \$50,000 after deductions, “we’re talking \$150 a year, its not a very expensive tax,” Johnson said. For that temporary, four-year tax, “we can hold the line on class sizes and restore cut school days in Eugene,” Johnson said.

“Eugene is an extraordinary city,” Johnson said. “I know the people of Eugene value their children, value education and value the opportunities education provides.” She said, “Let’s provide our own solution until the state acts to address the problem and let’s show the rest of the state, the country and even the world that Eugene cares.”

THE OPPOSITION

On March 16 opponents of the school funding measure kicked off their campaign with about 20 supporters at the Amazon community center in south Eugene.

Jennifer Solomon served as group spokesperson with about 16 measure opponents, mostly older men, standing behind her. Solomon repeatedly referred to “our kids” in opposing the public school funding measure, but Solomon’s children attend private school.

A graduate of Marist, Solomon has sat on the Catholic high school’s foundation board of directors. A year ago, Solomon contributed \$1,000 of her unspent campaign funds to the St. Paul Parish School, a Catholic preschool to eighth grade with 300 students in north Eugene.

Solomon, who just finished two

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