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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission <psc@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: PSC Misc. Zoning Update Testimony

Dear Mayor Hales and City Commissioners,

David Douglas School District is comprised of 12 square miles in East Portland. Currently the district has 9 elementary schools, 3 middle schools and one high school. In fact, David Douglas High School is the largest in the state with over 3,000 students. We are currently at capacity in all our elementary schools with a projected growth in student population that will bring our total enrollment over the next 10 years above 13,000 students. I am writing today to provide testimony on behalf of the David Douglas School District in regards to the miscellaneous zoning updates. Specifically, I would like to share our support of the package of changes that includes giving the David Douglas School District the power to veto any land divisions (11 or more lots) or zone change requests. I see this as an essential change that will allow the District to be more proactive in planning for our growth.

Our hope is that this change will provide us the opportunity to be in the conversation and truly look at how development will impact our local schools. As you know we are currently at capacity within our District and have been in conversations with city, county and private entities to purchase land and and other partnerships to develop plans for the growth of our District. We believe this would add a needed tool for us us to help manage our school district and continue to provide a first class education.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information.

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