

I am a student at Lakeridge High School, one of the lucky few that witnessed Alter Weiner's final speech. Hearing his moving speech three times now, I have become even more empowered to pass a legislation to teach Holocaust education. I believe it is necessary to enlighten students on the atrocities that took place in WWII to ensure such an event will never occur again. I personally have seen Neo Nazi chants and swastikas covering desks, spoken and drawn by students unaware of the meaning and hurt behind their actions. Being Jewish, this mandate is especially important to me because I believe that Judaism and other religions, especially in Lake Oswego given the diversity issues, are not appropriately appreciated. It is a MUST that Holocaust education is recognized in schools, to prevent further discrimination and ensure a peaceful tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration,

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