

March 1, 2019

Dear Chair Wagner, Co-Chair Thomsen and Members of the Committee:

As further follow up to my testimony in support of SB 433 at the hearing on February 27, 2019, I would like to bring to your attention the attached letter sent from Michael Hynes, the Superintendent of the Patchouge-Medford School District in NY to the parents of his students. The content and tone is the polar opposite of the letter PPS families received from Deputy Superintendent Yvonne Curtis in January.

Oregon can and must do better in terms of serving and supporting our public school children and families. We need leaders who truly care about our children's educational experience and inspiring them to become lifelong learners and achieving their full potential.

Standardized testing is only used to rank and sort and demoralize children who do not do well on biased and invalid standardized tests.

SB 433 must be adopted to prohibit Oregon school district administrators from misleading and bullying parents, teachers and principals.

Thank you for your service to the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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