

I am writing because I am just becoming aware of SB223 and as a parent, I am very concerned about where this could take us. This bill undermines private education and freedom of parental choice as it pertains to my children's schooling.

We were in the public school system until Spring of 2019 and made a choice as a family to switch to private school - for many reasons- and have found that private school education is a much better fit for our family. We make sacrifices to make this happen, and it has been incredibly beneficial for our boys education and their mental health - this has become especially evident during the pandemic. This proposed bill would take away the freedoms that our private school exercises on behalf of our students in order to make decisions that benefit kids the most.

SB223 would take away extracurricular and athletic opportunities that our students currently enjoy - and are looking forward to more of - as an end to COVID19 draws near. We pay tuition as well as taxes that pay for Oregon's Schools. It puts an unfair and unnecessary burden on our school leadership as well as families. There is no benefit to this bill.

Please do not approve this bill - it uses kids as leverage in continued political fights, and does nothing to help students - in public or private school. Please stand with parents - and vote "No" on SB223.