

As Oregon sits in the bottom five of states for its educational quality and is second to last in reopening schools after a year of denial of education in Oregon, the last thing that this state needs to be doing is controlling the one thing - private schools - that is keeping Oregon from being a complete backwater for youth. This is an outrageous and unnecessary overreach by the government into the private affairs of private schools. These schools were recently touted by Colt Gill as valuable partners in the statewide education of its children. Allowing the state to now control these schools undercuts the very value they currently provide and cut out an option for many parents who need an alternative to the cookie cutter public school systems. Oregon can barely run these public schools in a good year. As a result of Oregon's complete abdication of its responsibility to these public schools this year, Oregon has more than enough on its plate moving forward to salvage these schools. The state does not have the money or the people power to take on any oversight role of private schools.