

I oppose the registering of private schools with the Department of Education. The Private sector is typically the sector we look to for innovation. The Public sector is the sector that regulates. It would be a mistake for the Public sector to oversee the Private sector in this instance. It was this Private school that found a way to safely bring students on campus without Covid exposures. We were helpless as we watched our daughter struggle with online learning. North Clackamas Christian School safely brought the students back to campus while observing the necessary state guidelines. Once our daughter began on campus learning, all her grades improved. As I write to you, the Public schools in our area are still not meeting on campus. I would encourage the Department of Education to learn from Private schools, instead of wanting any control over them. If the Public sector was more innovative, more students would currently be learning and thriving again on campus. This is but one example of the importance of Private schools maintaining their independence from the Government sector.

Respectfully,

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