

Dear Senate Committee on Education,

RE Opposition to Senate Bill 223

I write to strongly oppose Senate Bill 223. I currently have two children in the West Linn Wilsonville School District (5th and 8th grades). We originally moved into the district due to the supposed good schools; however, while we've had good teachers for the most part, I've come to realize that the education they receive is sub-par at best. In addition, in recent years with ODE pushing extreme sex ed onto our children and a big push of social justice, equity, and anti-racism, I have seen a steady decline in actual teaching and a higher emphasis on indoctrinating our kids with an extremely destructive ideology. I believe in justice, equality and strongly oppose racism of all kinds (but I will not label myself an anti-racist). We will be removing our children from public schools next school year and will be placing them in private christian schools. I believe in school choice. I believe that parents have every right to research what school is best for their children. I am perfectly capable of researching the accreditation of each school, inquire about the quality of teachers, etc.

As usual, this is a big Nudge and removes the free will of private schools. Oregon schools are always near the bottom educationally, leave private schools alone and trust your citizens to make the best choice for their children.

After the pandemic and seeing the ridiculous requirements implemented on businesses and schools for over a year, I am paying attention and I will no longer cede ground. Hear us because I will not be going away.