

Democrats have attempted to circumvent the elected school board system since I was in teacher education school more than 25 years ago. House Bill 4029 is just the latest iteration. So it seems necessary to remind democrats, unions, Education Service Districts, and the students you sadly use for emotional appeal. School boards are elected...locally. The parents and public elect them...locally. They do so because they demand (legally and morally) to control the education their children receive...locally.

There is the reminder.

Now here are the facts. Since government has attempted to seize local control and centralize education, our students have suffered in every way possible. They've seen their lifelong earning prospects and potential to lead joyful lives diminished. Every scheme (and HB 4029 is one) democrats attempt to control education via centralization has resulted in lower test scores and falling graduation rates, for years. Centralization's response has been to eliminate proficiency for graduation; thereby, artificially raising graduation rates.

Not surprisingly, failing schools are seeing an exodus of students. HB 4029, then, is an obvious attempt at centralizing the schools students are fleeing to. Charter schools and small, rural school districts.

It's imperative democrats admit failure and stop blaming the last remaining functioning school apparatus (the school board) for their obvious failures.

Stephen F Gambescia, Professor of Health Services Administration at Drexel University writes, "The three R's help build the habits of industry and the habits of the mind for students. However, the habits of the heart and soul should come mostly from the home; no institution should assume this role or try to indoctrinate students with questionable content." [Education](#) October 27, 2021.

The above excerpt illustrates Democrats' desire to control through centralization the soul of every child, and remake them in their image. This is a religious goal. HB 4029 is yet another attempt by democrats to impose their religious beliefs on every student in Oregon.

It's okay that we don't agree with you. We aren't racists stealing opportunities because we do. Democrats, however, judge everyone by the color of their skin and only bestow blessings on those who hate anyone who disagrees with them.

The only emergency present (unlike what the bill describes) is the tyrannical centralization you are attempting. We elect our school boards. Keep your centralization out of our... local vote.

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