

Submitter: Ms Henrie
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

As a concerned parent in the Beaverton School District, I urge you to vote NO on this bill. Parents would love to know how our children are doing compared to the rest of the nation. I had to sit at home watching in frustration, as my children were shut out of the schools for nearly an entire school year because of overreaching covid policies. I knew from the beginning this would be catastrophic for their mental health and education. I consider my children the lucky ones, however. My children had someone at home ready to support them if they had any questions or needed help with assignments from "zoom" school. Think of the children who were left home alone, or ignored while their parents juggled a full time job, in addition to tending to their "zoom-schooled" kids. Think of the kids left home alone whose parents didn't care if they "zoomed" or not. I had to watch my children suffer needlessly because of a disease that virtually poses no harm to their age group. They had to sit home missing in person instruction while their cousins in Texas, Utah, and Idaho attended school in person! It's so unfair. Then, the second they get back to in person learning, in abusive masks, ODE is desperate to shove CRT, CSE, and SEL down their throats. The teachers should be focused on catching up on the basics, not indoctrinating the children with radical material.

Now you propose to dumb down our testing standards because you're afraid of what you'll discover? You are afraid of the truth that lockdowns did more harm than good. You are afraid to see how our students in Oregon perform compared to past pre-lockdown years and to other states. Well, shame on you! We all deserve to know how our kids are doing in comparison to states that actually care about the well-being of their students. Let them be fully tested and compared to the rest of the nation. And I pray that our students never forget who did this to them. Let them never forget who took away everything from them...the Democrats. Please vote NO on this absurd bill.