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SB 1521 should be abhorrent to any Democrat AND any Republican. It doesn't mention anywhere in the bill how it is designed for the benefit of students or parents. It seems that there are three core goals of this legislation.

The first and largest is that any school superintendent that is in line with the policies of the GOVERNMENT--not the people--can essentially never be fired. This is a reaction to some events I have heard a little about where a superintendent was not following the mask mandates in a school here in Oregon. Since Kate Brown's administration cannot legally fire the superintendent in question, they intend on making sure that all other superintendents will wholeheartedly support every aspect of every policy.

The second aspect of the bill makes it so that even if the superintendent agrees to be fired, there must be a 12 month period before they actually leave the building. If there is an instance where someone is doing so poorly in their job that he or she even agrees to be fired, there should absolutely not be a 12 month period where he or she can still collect a paycheck.

The third aspect of the bill is to make it so that the school board cannot go against the will of the state or federal government. This part is also extremely grave in its implications. It effectively disposes completely of the school board and the school superintendent and gives top down control of the daily lives of students and parents directly to the executive branch of the federal and state governments. Not only would this create a legal nightmare of lawsuits against school districts, but it would also make the executive branch able to bypass the legislative branch with emergency mandates (which we have seen used and abused more in the last two years than ever in US history). This is a gross violation of the US Constitution. The executive branch does not have the power to make law without the input of the representatives of the people.

I expect you to make the decision that I would expect of any legislator. I will tell you that if this bill happens to cross your desk and you sign it, it will not be the fault of your party or your constituents. You will have failed them. Putting a child's education in the hands of a branch of government designed to enforce rule of law is something that most people are scared of. A yes vote on this bill will lose you an election. Please vote NO on SB1521.