

Math, English, Science and History have always been the cornerstones of subjects within our educational system. They have been taught for as long as anyone can remember but it started at a time when school was less complicated. Children went to school only for an education. They were taught their core subjects and children knew they were there to learn. The school system has become complicated. Schools have joined unions, teachers have more power, and more topics are starting to become taught that are outside the normal core subjects. Covid hit and the world started seeing the educational system in a new light. As schools struggled to find a way to educate the students of the world, parents started questioning what their students are being taught. As more and more assignments were being sent home and parents were forced to open their eyes to their child's education, what their child actually knew and what they didn't allowed parents to venture out and find new innovative ways to teach their children. The public school system is seeing record amounts of students being disenrolled from their schools to be put in virtual charter schools or to be homeschooled. Which one is best for our future leaders, innovators, doctors, and teachers? Which system will allow our children to no longer be indoctrinated and allow them to learn what they need to be successful and become the new leaders of the world? No child learns the same and it is time that students can focus on their education any way they need to.

While growing up I was born into a family of teachers. My father and eight other family members taught within my local district. School was embedded into my soul that education is important and that it is a job for every child. As a mother of two, my first born was in the public school system until he graduated high school. We dealt with the typical public-school issues.

While my son was being educated though, I realized that some of the topics that my child was being taught I did not agree with. I felt that they were always trying to control how a parent parents and their focus was not always on my son's education. When my youngest started school I realized that he did not fit the mold for a traditional education. He was bullied, with no interventions from administration, because most of the bullying came from his teacher herself. My son is medically fragile with both medical and mental disabilities. His teacher took it upon herself to discredit his disabilities and tell him he was making them up. This caused a lot of tension between his teacher and our family. He is not an audible learner. He is a visual learner and that was not the teacher's primary way of teaching. I made the hard choice for my son and pulled him from the traditional public school system and enrolled him into an online charter school. This is when I finally saw him excel and the happiness to learn burned brighter than I had ever seen.

As Covid took over our lives it also took over the public school system. Schools were forced to close and many schools were scrambling to find ways to still educate the students of the world. Many schools turned to the online platform. Many parents and children were not familiar with this system and in most cases neither were the schools. Children were attending online one moment and back in the classroom the next. After the bugs were thought through many schools started seeing success in their online platforms. This gave parents an opportunity to see how their student learns best. Some failed with being on a computer but other students achieved new heights in their education. Online schools and online charter schools have been around for decades but many parents knew very little about this type of education. Online schools fill the gap between a traditional public school and homeschooling. Students still meet with teachers and other students online which allows for some socialization, but a student is

being taught by a registered teacher. This takes the uneducated parent out of the equation and allows for a more solid education.

All parents want the best for their children. When it comes to education most parents will fight to the end to make sure their child is getting what they need to be successful. The question though is are parents looking into all of their choices or are they only looking into the one choice that is most convenient for them. Education is changing! The world is changing! Isn't it time that we change with it by looking into all of the educational options that are available for our youth. Not all children learn the same. Some children learn by repetition, some are visual learners while others are audible learners. By honing into our children's learning styles we can allow them to be the most successful by finding the right educational platform for them. This is Why the 3 percent cap needs to be removed. Parents should be allowed to make the choice what is best for their child's education. The State of Oregon should want every child to succeed. The only way to make education fair for all is to allow parents to make the decision what is best for their child and their learning style.