

Good day Senators,

I am writing you today to oppose the executive appointment of Dr. Charlene Williams for the position of Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. I believe Dr. Williams' selection was to further the radical direction the Oregon Department of Education has been going in for years.

As you may have seen, last Tuesday a joint report produced by me and Dr. Bruce Gilley of the Oregon Association of Scholars called out the very fraudulent nature of a report ODE released last year. Obviously that was before Dr. Williams joined ODE, but it highlights the radical and unethical attitude that has permeated ODE.

Here is the article I wrote to launch that joint report: <https://www.saveoregonschools.com/p/unveiling-oregon-department-of-educations>

Yesterday I published another article, highlighting a 2nd fraudulent report that ODE produced in 2016 on chronic absenteeism. I can assure you there are many more of these that are yet to be exposed.

<https://www.saveoregonschools.com/p/another-f-grade-for-the-oregon-department>

My concern is that Dr. Williams has been silent about the release of these reports as well as reports of other fraudulent, wasteful activity at ODE. I know she and the ODE team are aware as this became quite the topic during last week's meeting of the State Board of Education.

I urge you to vote no, at least for now, on the confirmation of Dr. Williams as the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. As a parent of two kids in Oregon public schools, and as an advocate for the other 500k+ kids in these schools, I believe all parents, teachers, students, and everyone else in, outside, and around our public school system deserve answers about what is going on at ODE and specifically what Dr. Williams will do to properly address these massive issues.

Our children all deserve a good education, and our system has been failing to deliver that for years. We need a strong, ethical leader in this critical position, not another critical theorist who will push a radical belief system in direct opposition to the clear evidence against it.

If you really want to know Dr. Williams' background and mindset, I suggest you read her doctoral dissertation: <https://www.proquest.com/docview/1734107943?pq-origsite=gscholar&fromopenview=true>

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Jeff Myers