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I oppose requiring school districts or schools to post curriculum online. Schools already allow parents to access curriculum in-office. Requiring online posting will add costs to already stretched district budgets. It will stifle the flexibility teachers need to effectively instruct students.

Supporters of the bill say that parents need to be able to know what their students are learning in order to help them with assignments. When students bring assignments home, or teachers post them online, parents can easily help them with their assignments. If there are specific concerns about a student's learning style, parents can work with individual teachers to make sure their student is getting the support they need.

Given the groups supporting SB409, I believe that the spirit of the bill is antagonistic to teachers and school districts. These groups, such as the "Oregon Moms Union" make no secret of their intention to undermine public education in Oregon in favor of homeschooling and charter and private schooling. They do not seek to support public schools, teachers, and students. I am an Oregon mom urging you to vote no on SB409.