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I'm a senior at a Portland Public Schools high school completing my IB Diploma this year. The expectations of the IB Diploma program have far exceeded any of those put in place by Portland Public Schools to obtain a standard State of Oregon High School Diploma. There is no doubt in my mind that the IB Diploma represents a level of preparation for college far beyond that which a standard diploma represents, and thus there is no reason a High School Diploma should ever be withheld from a student who has earned their IB Diploma.

Additionally, certain requirements of my district's diploma should automatically be fulfilled by completing an IB Diploma. For example, the extended research project and extracurricular portfolio and reflections you must complete as an IB Diploma should fulfill the CRLEs (Career Related Learning Experiences) requirement of graduating from PPS, and there is no reason a student should need to complete all these activities which have so much overlap.

By reducing the barriers to obtaining a high school diploma for IB Diploma students, Oregon will free up a great deal of time for some of its most promising students to engage in more extracurricular and service activities.