

Oppose SB1583

As a grandmother and voting citizen I am very concerned about this bill and its purpose of removing local school boards' ability to make decisions about their curriculum and library needs. Local communities have specific demographics. In order to meet the needs of students and families in their communities, it is absolutely necessary that planning be done as close them as possible. There is no one-size-fits-all in regard to educating and choosing curricula for school districts. Many parents have worked hard to be a part of their children's education. This is difficult in any situation, but if local controls are removed, this would be almost impossible. Once established for state-wide decision making, chances of local school districts being successful is greatly diminished. More parents will be choosing private education or home schooling. Oregon student performance test results are at record lows. As a whole Oregon is doing a very poor job of successfully educating our students. The changes proposed by this bill will further deteriorate our ability to help students learn and be successful in life. I urge a NO vote on this bill.