

Public Comment:

5.a Parent and Guardian Engagement in Education Month Proclamation / Proclamación de Mes de la Educación con la Participación de Padres de Familia y Tutores

Abigail Eckhart

Parent / Padre de familia
Salem

I support the Parents Rights In Education Proclamation as it was originally written, clearly defining that parents are the primary caretakers, educators and nurturers of their children. In the last 2 years Parents have been pushed OUT of schools, not allowed to volunteer, or observe classrooms, and have had to complain to the district just to receive copies of curriculum. Parents have felt belittled by district leadership, ignored and labeled extremists. Please recognize that you cannot have students without their parents.

I also do not support the appointment of a 2nd vice chair. If being a school board member is too stressful, then maybe board members need to reconsider being an elected official. This position requires undivided attention if you are to be the most present for our children.

Submitted: 1/7/2022 15:59:44

Public Comment:

Vaccinations/Masks

Jack-Lynn Black

Parent / Padre de familia

Keizer

All students of the district should not be forced to wear masks indoors, outdoors, and especially while doing any physical activity. Body language and facial expressions (non-verbal) make up the majority of our communication. Wearing masks suppresses not only their breathing, immune system build up/tolerance, and non-verbal communication. Vaccines/shots are apart of freedom of choice. Forcing students, teacher, volunteers to get this shot is against our freedom of choice. Also the shot & masks do not prevent anyone from contracting the virus and have adverse side effects that need to be taken into consideration on an individual basis by the parents/students/volunteers.

Submitted: 1/7/2022 16:58:33

Public Comment:

On canceling extracurricular activity, vaccine requirements, and mask mandates

Aimee Farrell

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

Okay

Submitted: 1/7/2022 19:17:50

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Sarah Mcconville

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I have multiple children in the Salem Keizer schools. I think not only has last year ruined my child's education and set her back a whole year but you are keeping them masked up when it is proven that they do absolutely nothing but give our kids something to hide behind. This virus doesn't even effect children and if teachers don't feel comfortable then they should be the ones to move online, not our children. We need to get things back to normal and let our children build up their immune systems and get back to normal life after nearly three years of their lives have been robbed from them. Our school system is a joke and wish we lived in an open state where this virus/ politicians aren't controlling our lives. Take away the masks and get back to normal!

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Katelyn Trammell

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

My name is Katie Trammell. I am a parent and educator in the Salem Keizer School District.

Parents are the first and primary educator of their own children. and deserve to be at the decision making table as the law allows, (ORS 329.125). I believe that a parent understands what their child needs better than a school or government official. This includes the decision to wear masks at school and/or be vaccinated.

Please affirm your support for the parent-child relationship by adding the statement that teachers, administrators, counselors, school board and staff shall honor and support the parent - child relationship to the Proclamation language.

Thank you

Submitted: 1/8/2022 21:03:48

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Craig L Myers

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

My name is Craig Myers I am a resident of Salem Keizer School District.

Parents are the first and primary educator of their own children and deserve to be the PRIMARY DECISION MAKERS as the law allows, (ORS 329.125). I want to work with school staff and teachers to ensure an excellent education for our children but I believe that a parent understands what their child needs better than a school or government official.

Please affirm your support for the parent-child relationship by adding the statement that teachers, administrators, counselors, school board and staff shall honor and support the parent - child relationship to the Proclamation language.

Thank you

Craig Myers

Submitted: 1/9/2022 7:22:08

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Deb Romano

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

My name is Deb Romano and my child is enrolled in the Salem Keizer school district. Parents are the first and primary educator of their own children and deserve to be at the decision making Table as a law allows, ORS 329.125). I strongly believe that a parent understands what their child needs better than the school or any government officials.

I would like the Proclamation language to support the parent child relationship. I would like the following language added, "teachers, administrators, school counselors, school board and staff shall honor and support the parent child relationship."

Thank you for recognizing the importance of the Parent/child relationship.

Submitted: 1/9/2022 18:04:06

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Stephanie Hentze

District Staff / Personal del distrito
Salem

Good evening, Distinguished Board Members and Superintendent Perry,

I read the district's proposed proclamation about the importance of parents in their children's education. THANK YOU for recognizing the critical role we play. Although an educational system offers a service and support, we parents know our children best, and we parents are the ones primarily responsible for our kids' education. A school teaches a student for a few years. We play a role their entire lifetime. Please let us actively engage in the process!

In an article for the NY Times, William Bennett, former US Secretary of Education, wrote: "The family is the nucleus of civilization and the basic social unit of society. Aristotle wrote that the family is nature's established association for the supply of mankind's everyday wants. Research clearly shows that the institution of the family is the first form of community and government and ... the first, best and original Department of Health, Education and Welfare."

Let's encourage strong and healthy families and encourage parents to take the lead. It's one thing to say that parents are important in a declaration that - honestly - most parents will never see. It's another thing to act on that declaration. To encourage that action, please add the following statement to the document before approving it:

WHEREAS, THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP SHALL BE HONORED AND SUPPORTED BY TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

And then, beyond the declaration, let us parents know - in practice - that you value us!! Support us - don't shut us out. If you truly value parents in Salem-Keizer, let us see the curriculum when we ask. (Otherwise, it REALLY looks like the schools are trying to hide something.) Give us the opportunity to decide what is best for our students. Do not push for a vaccine mandate - you will just push more students out. We know our kids best, and it is our responsibility to lead them and train them.

Please, keep classes focused on academics (reading, writing, math, note-taking strategies, asking higher-level questions, listening and responding respectfully, evaluating two sides of an issue, etc.) and remember that parents have an integral role in raising their children. Including parents in the public school process will lead to a stronger community.

Submitted: 1/9/2022 21:26:27

Public Comment:

Student & Staff Safety Concerns

Shannon Valdez

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I did a survey in the community on how many people were Voting for Both High School & Middle School Metal Detectors, to reinsure the schools are taking every step possible for students and staff safety. On the last day of School Friday, just before Winter Break. I called several Schools through out Salem Keizer School district. On average there was over 60 families from several schools, that specifically called in or arrived after the 2nd notification of the Tik Tok school shooting threat. To keep their kids home from school that day in fear of harm, chance of a copy cat following through with harm. Adam Stephens already had students taken in for bringing guns knives into the the school building recently. Every time Kids are caught at school with weapons, along with hearing school shooting threats, & actual played out school massive shootings on a regular basis in this country. Has placed majority of all families in fear for their kids safety, everyday they attend school. This is creating major anxiety, stress and missing education in fear of these acts of violence. Which doesn't help anyone mental health. Having metal detectors could help lessen these major concerns for many individuals. Make a difference in the students education mental health. Majority of teachers are not comfortable teaching kids that are armed, not knowing which ones are at any giving moment can cause mental stress of the educators. School shootings have been at full force again, ever since schools re-opened. Mental health & students getting into fights at schools as been a major concern for all schools in every state. Some schools in other states, have already brought them back, metal detectors eliminate as many weapons as possible from entering the school buildings. Metal detectors are not a 100% or solve all the problems, And there have been mass shooting where metal detectors didn't stop a mass shooting. They will in fact help the average student from taking weapons into the a school building daily. In New York, there metal detectors have taken away over 740 from students in a single year. I rather have 1 gun taken away, then none. The average student that takes weapons to school. Will not go to the length to plot and bypass the metal detectors, to just bring a weapon to school because they can. This will already help limit weapons alone. It has already been proven high school students secretly take knives into school for protection. When asked to not take knives into school Incase they were caught. They said no, not unless the others kids stop taking their weapons inside the school. The only way to help reinforce that is metal detectors. We have a real crisis. I'm not ok with my 11yr old attending school each day with other random kids that are carrying knives and guns into schools each day.

It makes no sense to have no kind of extra reinforcement Schools's are doing everything possible to help keep weapons out of our schools & kids are not carrying weapons inside.

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Ross Zieseemer

Parent / Padre de familia

Keizer

My name is Ross Zieseemer. I am a resident of Salem Keizer School District with 4 boys attending school in the district. Parents are the first and primary educator of their own children and deserve to be at the decision making table as the law allows, (ORS 329.125). I want to work with school staff and teachers to ensure an excellent education for our children but I believe and know firsthand that parents understand better what their child needs better than a school or government official.

Please affirm your support for the parent-child relationship by adding the statement that teachers, administrators, counselors, school board and staff shall honor and support the parent - child relationship to the Proclamation language.

It is also paramount that all parents be in charge of their children when it comes to deciding whether or not to mask or have their children vaccinated as it relates to the current pandemic. There are enough studies showing that masks DO NOT work.

It is up to you as leaders to use facts and the results of said studies to make determinations on the viability of masking children against a virus that causes little serious harm to younger children.

Please visit the website

https://www.justfacts.com/news_face_masks_deadly_falsehoods

to see the multiple studies showing the ineffectiveness of masks. It is a long read but you, as the school board that is supposed to be for the best interests of children need to take the time to read and comprehend what these studies are saying. Use your influence with the Oregon Board of Education and Governor Brown to tell them you no longer want the children of the Salem-Keizer School District to be forced to wear masks.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Ross Zieseemer

Submitted: 1/10/2022 9:11:13

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Shawna Herrera

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

My name is Shawna Herrera. I am a resident of Salem Keizer School District, as well as a teacher, mom and grandmother. I have witnessed firsthand, both in my family and in the lives of my students that parents are the first and primary educator of their own children. The most successful students have been those whom their parents are actively engaged in not just encouraging them, but teaching and molding their minds! Parents deserve to be at the decision making table as the law allows, (ORS 329.125). I want to work with school staff and teachers to ensure an excellent education for our children but I believe that a parent understands what their child needs better than a school or government official.

Please affirm your support for the parent-child relationship by adding the statement that teachers, administrators, counselors, school board and staff shall honor and support the parent - child relationship to the Proclamation language, assuring that the parents voice is the primary weight in the education of the children in Salem Keizer. Thank you,
Shawna Herrera

Submitted: 1/10/2022 9:21:53

Public Comment:

Parent rights

Amanda Shore

Parent / Padre de familia

Keizer

I support the parents rights proclamation and volunteers in schools regardless of vaccination status. Using proper PPE would be a perfect solution to allow this. Proper PPE is more effective in preventing spread.

Submitted: 1/10/2022 9:32:36

Public Comment:

5.a Parent and Guardian Engagement in Education Month Proclamation / Proclamación de Mes de la Educación con la Participación de Padres de Familia y Tutores, 8.b Quarterly Data Report/Informe trimestral de datos informativos

Mike Slagle

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

Chair Avila, Vice Chair Carson-Cottingham, Distinguished School Board Directors, Superintendent Perry.

The "Importance of Parents in Education Month Proclamation". I am grateful for the consideration of adopting the Proclamation as an important part of parent and community involvement in schools, thank you SKSB.

Except it was edited and a key sentence of the original was left out, with no explanation of to as why. It reads like this: "Whereas, the parent child relationship shall be honored and supported by teachers, counselors, administrators, and school board members"

Why would this be left out? It's not demeaning or divisive. Simply states that parents of schoolchildren should feel confident in knowing that the School is teaching them proper education with their involvement.

Also they omitted a word in another part of the proclamation.

Whereas, parents and gaurdians have the first and foremost responsibility for the EDUCATION, nurturing, safety and well being of their children, as well as to teach them to respect others and themselves."

Why leave out EDUCATION? Shouldn't parents be responsible for this as well? We should be able to trust our education system. I get there are requirements that ODE and NEA puts out for funding, why the secrecy? There is an alarming amount of kids being pulled out of schools, not to mention educators and administrators retiring early or leaving for other reasons. If we shut parents out, then the trust diminishes. What is there to hide? I am firm in adopting this resolution with adding these statements back into the proclamation.

I am grateful for the data regarding disciplinary actions and sense of belonging data. I see from 2019-21 that the white kids have the least sense of belonging. Why is this? Is there any data or reasons why? Is it because you have pushed the "white supremacy" narrative home? I looked at the data and compared to many other areas that discriminatory harrasment albeit should never happen it is not as alarming as aggressive behavior. We continually here the reasons are due to racism. Why?

There is an alarming amount of students leaving public schools for alternate education. Educators and staff are leaving as well. Why? Is it the virus? Is it the curriculum? Is it that they are underperforming? Is it the DEI teaching in that students aren't challenged? What are your plans to keep students in school and enough qualified staff to educate them without the overcrowding of classrooms?

Thank you for your valuable time.

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Anna

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

Jan 10, 2022

Letter to SKSB

I am writing to comment at the Salem Keizer School Board Meeting, and that I wish this document to be entered into the record for the SK Board meeting of 1/11/2022.

One of the topics is to be discussed and possibly approved is the Parents Rights Proclamation. After having read your revision of the proclamation, I have reviewed passed correspondence, as well as read what others are saying about the document on social media. My understanding is that a document like this has been made often in the past.

In the current SK Board version I read part of the statement that reads that “though parents are a child's first educator,” I want stress that they are their primary educator for a child's life. The school is not the only influence, nor should it be. The parent child relationship needs to be acknowledged and even honored.

Why would this statement as it is be removed from the proclamation? The statement is not divisive or demeaning. It merely states that this IS the foremost and most important relationship. Teachers, councilors, administrators, and school board members are to support that relationship-- the bond of a child with their parent, as well as their family unit. Adding this statement into the parents rights proclamation reinforces the purpose of this declaration. To assure parents and family that schools will work with parents and families in the raising of their child. The parent child relationship is understood and will be honored and respected by the school and all the staff.

Please amend your document to add this wording:

Whereas, the parent child relationship shall be honored and supported by teachers, councilors, administrators, and school board members.

In these volatile times parents need to be reassured that their children will be in a safe and nurturing environment that parents can come and meet with teachers and staff and know that their wishes will be honored and not undermined.

Another point I wish to bring up is that in light of the fact that the board has the welfare of the students as their main concern, why wouldn't you be looking and researching for yourselves the effects of direction of the school district on the student population. Even as concerned individuals if not as school board members. I'm sure the district keeps track of behavioral problems, the mental health issues, and the disruptions in the class. I understood that Chair Avila himself requested that the data not be presented to the board as was mandated when SRO's were removed in the prior year. Rethinking this new policy may be in order—immediately.

There are examples of other schools and districts even in this state who have successfully steered their way through the mire that is Covid. What is evident is that to really help all our students, out of the mainstream thinking may be required.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna

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Memphis

Student / Estudiante

Salem

I am writing in as a student in favor of the parent engagement proclamation. I feel parents not just have a responsibility to make sure we are taken care of, loved and nurtured they have a responsibility to make sure we are raised with good values, morals, work ethic and receive a proper education. My parents shape who I am. They lead by example. They also know me better than any teacher, staff or councilor could. I like my teachers and think they want what's best for us for the most part, but it is our parents who get to decide what is best for us, not those teachers. A school's job is to educate us and help us prepare for the world beyond their building, not to shape who we are as people. That is where our individual cultures, religions, family units and beliefs come it.

Submitted: 1/10/2022 11:35:15

Public Comment:

Recent partisan meeting I attended held by Oregon Moms Union and SK WE STAND TOGETHER, in Keizer where Dr Satya Chandragiri headlined the presentations. Paperwork there included Family Watch International, and Heritage Foundation, along with hate literature in regards to LGBTQIA+ students. Current principals and teachers were in attendance maskless..

Andrea Smith

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I am a parent of a current student in the Salem Keizer School District. I have lived in the Salem area for the past seven years. I grew up in New York and Chicago.

In December 2021, I attended a meeting being held and promoted by two local organizations: SK We Stand Together, and Oregon Moms Union. As I did not grow up in the area nor attend the local schools here, I appreciated the Oregon Moms Union's advertisement and blurb of who they are and what they do (they presented inclusivity, a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. and photos including diversity). I showed up and quickly found myself surrounded by about 30 people without masks on, in a closed room above a bowling alley in Keizer.

Current school board member Dr. Satya Chandragiri was present, maskless. There were current Salem-Keizer school principals and teachers, maskless. I quickly learned that this was a very far-right group. Though it was advertised as non-partisan, quick reference was made to Democrats and Republicans. Dr. Chandragiri was a key speaker, who provided his card and personal assistance to all. Dr Chandragiri shared that it's important to find ways to skirt around the current laws. I found this meeting was absolutely partisan in nature. Another current school board member Marty Heyen was in attendance, unmasked.

Chandragiri gave his entire speech unmasked—which included making comparisons to the abuses the Native communities have faced regarding the abusive Native boarding schools—to the fact we are not allowing God in our schools today. He also clearly stated that the intergenerational trauma that the Native Americans have lived through, is exactly the same as these Christian families' children having a checkbox on a test that gives the option of transgender or non-binary.

Dr. Chandragiri was stoking these folk's fears at worst, knowing full well exactly what he was doing. I was horrified. One parent shared that their son feels like he is being forced to be transgender while in a classroom with a pride flag on the wall. The parent then explained that his son "returned to normal" as soon as he left the classroom.

I would like Satya Chandragiri investigated for his ties to these far-right groups. He was doing harm to our community and continues to by allying with very harmful and fearful rhetoric. I believe he needs to resign, or we need him out of a position of power.

I also did not expect to have literature handed out by these folks from The Heritage Foundation or Family Watch International. Can a resolution be made that standing board members and anyone having to do with our schools not use the offensive information provided by The Heritage Foundation, or Family Watch International for starters? And they

called sex education "Marxism".

I strongly believe the sentiment repeated at this meeting and the documentation passed out, go against the boards latest resolution for commitment to equity and anti-racism.

Submitted: 1/10/2022 13:00:09

Public Comment:

Dr. Chandragiri

Valerie Brooks

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

Dr. Chandragiri presents a problem for this school board. Those of us who regularly attend these meetings have long known him to be both long-winded and racist, but I have deep concerns about his most recent forays into far-right groups such as SK We Stand Together (which is thoroughly divisive) and the Oregon Moms Union. He headlined a recent gathering sponsored by those two groups where he compared the genocide of indigenous people to children being given the choice to select trans as a gender identity. This meeting was held indoors, and both he and Marty Heyen were there, unmasked.

While I've always found Satya divisive, his latest foray into the far-right, where materials from the neo-conservative Heritage Foundation and hate group Family Watch International (deemed as such by the Southern Poverty Law Center) were being handed out extremely disturbing. How is the Salem Keizer school board resolving to be anti-racist and focused on equity when two of their members headline and attend meetings sponsored by groups that promote the opposite?

Submitted: 1/10/2022 14:52:51

Public Comment:

5.b Howard Street Charter School Renewal / Renovación del contrato de la Escuela por Contrato Howard Street

Anne Marie Charnholm

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I am writing in support of the renewal of Howard Street Charter School's and an increase of funding from 85% to 95%. I am a parent of a current 8th grade student and my older daughter who is now a junior was also a student at Howard Street. I support the school's focus on proficiency teaching and learning which allows students to perform at their level and focus on improvement and growth. The education is individualized to the student and the school places a strong focus on programming to support students' social and emotional well being. The education provided at this school is outstanding.

Submitted: 1/10/2022 14:54:35

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Andrew Hickey

Parent / Padre de familia
Keizer

Parents and guardians in SKSD are guiding their children through times of unprecedented uncertainty. It's encouraging that our current school board is recognizing this ongoing effort and the role of parents and guardians in education with the Parent & Guardian Engagement in Education Month Proclamation.

Hopefully this recognition by the school board will resonate with the parents, guardians and other adults in our district who are aligning with extremist groups seeking to turn K-12 education into a non-stop political battle.

In recent months, we've had parents & others meeting, organizing, and pumping dangerous misinformation and propaganda into our communities that, among other things, seek to distort how we teach our children history; seek to shame and dehumanize those who don't conform to their religion-based expectations around gender and sexuality; and manipulate sexual health education to seem pornographic.

They also seek to inject themselves and their own beliefs, prejudices, religious dogma and personal preferences into the education process by training parents to harass and impede the work of teachers throughout the district. They are deliberately trying to create an atmosphere in schools where teachers are paralyzed by the prospect of politically-motivated parents bombarding them with questions meant to elicit scandalous responses.

These parents who are enrolling in this political battle are being led by extremist groups like Oregon Parents' Rights in Education (PRIE) - a non-profit group whose Executive Director declared in a New Year's Eve Facebook post that "K-12 Public Education is the New Political Battleground!" That post was shared and celebrated by the Salem-Keizer chapter of Oregon PRIE - a group with a Facebook page moderated entirely by people either out of district, or even out of state.

As we look to honor parents & guardians with this proclamation, let's also remind those parents, guardians, and even school board members who lend their participation and reputation to these extremist groups, that K-12 education is not your place to work through and promote your own political ideology or electoral frustrations. Take the words of this proclamation to heart, and try to work in collaboration with teachers and school administrators, rather than acting out your political frustrations on folks who are already trying very hard to care for your kids, and teach them, through this pandemic.

Submitted: 1/10/2022 15:10:36

Public Comment:

5.b Howard Street Charter School Renewal / Renovación del contrato de la Escuela por Contrato Howard Street

Anne Barr

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I strongly support the renewal of the Howard Street Charter School agreement.

Howard Street is a vital opportunity for middle schoolers in the salem-Keizer area. Howard Street provides a strong curriculum focused on music and arts. My daughter attends 6th grade and loves school. She feels known, cared for and pushed academically along with strong supports for assistance when needed. Please continue this agreement. Salem-Keizer community benefits from this school.

Submitted: 1/10/2022 15:13:46

Public Comment:

School board members promoting anti-LGBTQIA+ material

Scott Mainwaring

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I am very concerned by the behavior of a SKPS Board member at a meeting of the "Oregon Moms Union" as reported by Andrea Renee in a letter to the editor of the Keizer Times. This individual made an analogy between the horrific abuses of Indigenous people at Indian Boarding Schools and the discomfort that certain conservative parents in the district feel by having the Board acknowledge non-binary genders on certain forms. In addition, anti-trans material was distributed at this meeting including claims that sex education was "Marxist". I call upon the board to make a serious inquiry into this and other board members' participation in this event, and take appropriate action to show that its recent adoption of resolutions regarding the importance of acknowledging systemic discrimination are more than empty words.

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Mercedes Bartlett

Parent / Padre de familia

Keizer

My name is Mercedes Bartlett. I am a resident of Salem Keizer School District.

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Lenora Johnson

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Keizer

My name is Lenora Johnson. I am a resident of Salem Keizer School District.

Parents are the first and primary educator of their own children and deserve to be at the decision making table as the law allows, (ORS 329.125). I want to work with school staff and teachers to ensure an excellent education for our children but I believe that a parent understands what their child needs better than a school or government official.

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Amanda May Green

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I have been an active volunteer in the SKSD for the past 10 years as my children have grown. Between assisting teachers in grading papers, helping out on field trips, giving my time for such events as the Book Fair, Dr. Suess Day, Annual BBQ, Jog-a-thon, Field Day and every small opportunity in between to watch my children grow. As a parent, it is my job to harbor a safe and healthy environment for my child to advance. The public school system has been taken over by teachers unions who have an alternate agenda for my child, viewing them as a dollar sign and guinea pig, rather than a human being. I hear from teachers that their school will be fined or their government funding will not be given if they do not comply with unnecessary and harmful guidelines that 95% of other states in our union are not requiring. How is Salem Oregon so different? What makes Salem Oregon so harmful by unmasking our children? When substitute educators, [REDACTED], is telling our students at West Salem high school that if you do not wear a mask properly over their nose and mouth, they are going to kill her and leave her child motherless.?! Why is it appropriate for this same substitute instructor to then tell these high school students "Oohhh, well, you have three C's...I now see why.." insinuating that they are incompetent in their studies because of how they are wearing their mask (that they shouldn't have to wear at all!). This same substitute instructor was recorded by cell phones at South Salem High School telling the students there the same thing. "Wear your mask properly, or you are going to kill me".

Gaslighting children should be a crime.

Pushing parents out of schools should be a crime.

Vaccine incentives should be a crime.

Using the popular student body to push vaccine and mask mandates should be a crime.

Using social media to push the vaccine and masks should be a crime.

Using cartoons to push the vaccine and masks should be a crime.

The silent majority in this fight is parents. We will not stand for corrupt policies that are only serving the pockets of those in charge. My children will not be your chess pawns. We will continue to fight these mandates until they cease to exist in our district, our state and our country. We are not going away.

Submitted: 1/7/2022 20:06:14