

# Public Comment:

9.a Health Curriculum Adoption / Adopción del plan de estudios de salud

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I am commenting on the new health curriculum and value system as a whole in our District.

Although most material presents as fairly benign, I am concerned about the focus on sex and the glorification of the LGBTQ+ and transgender lifestyles touted by ODE and followed in our District, creating significant SAFETY concerns. Success would be self-confident, optimistic, resilient students, who are prepared to work and make friends with people from many backgrounds. But you have facilitated a new set of values that is destroying the opportunities for these kids.

My concern is not hating LGBTQ but rather-- the fact that K-12 schools should NOT be focused on SEX of any kind. You are failing to educate and prepare these kids for life and are focused on FEELINGS and sexual identity while failing to teach character and academics.

You are encouraging an LGBTQ+/transgender agenda- disguised as equity- but is actually manipulating children— carefully designed to get them to approve of the concept of sexual rights and fluid sexual “identities,” and to reject their religious beliefs, the authority of their parents, and even physical reality itself.

Why are you supporting books that teach children how to mutually masturbate and promote sex with graphic cartoons, describing sexual tools and preferences? Why is this necessary for MINOR students to feel welcome? This would never happen at a work site so why is it necessary at school? To encourage children to ignore biological facts and focus on their feelings, that are unstable even for adults, is beyond understanding. Your "safe and welcoming" classrooms are dividing students and teaching a negative perspective that is propagating hate and creating emotionally and physically UNSAFE classrooms.

You say that you are just doing what ODE tells you to do but you still have a choice! There is still room in the law for you to choose what is healthy and helpful for children to learn. Your attempts to be compassionate toward children's "trauma" is actually creating trauma at school! Your "restorative justice" is destroying safety not creating it. Why are teachers afraid of students? Why is discipline unevenly applied? Why is there no justice for bullies?

The lack of respect and transparency toward parents is extremely concerning and we will not stop pushing back because they are OUR children.

Please consider hosting some open forums to discuss the current direction of our school district? If you can't defend these policies, why are you supporting them? These matters affect everyone! Everyone has a right to be involved. Thank you.

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# Public Comment:

Security

## Deb Romano

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I'm at a loss as to why security is not a top priority in our schools. We had a loaded gun in a classroom at South Salem high school. Two days later four students from South were wandering the halls at Sprague high school while school was in session, a physical altercation occurred the students from south were not apprehended. The violence, bullying and harassment is at an all-time high. The board can continue to deny it, but we the parents know the truth. Our children are confused as to why nothing is happening to students continually act out. It is time to get SRO's back in schools and start disciplining students who are not following the rules. You are not setting them up for a positive future if they are not receiving consequences for bad behavior. SEL has failed.

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# Public Comment:

Parental Rights

## Ross Ziesemer

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I want to share with you, the schoolboard, specifically the progressive members, along with the outgoing and incoming superintendents, about parental rights. I know this may seem like moral mind-reading but based on your words and actions, this is relevant.

Whether you agree or disagree, parents have rights over their children's education.

Point of fact – The Supreme Court, in *Troxel v. Granville* states this –

“The interests of parents in the care, custody, and control of their children is perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized by this court.”

The Supreme Court says that parents have the fundamental liberty of providing for the care, custody and control of their children. When this governing body presumes to take that away via health centers or by other means, you are violating the fundamental rights of parents.

To continue in that vein, parental rights are commonly summarized by the Supreme Court as the “liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children under their control.”

Following are two additional resources as they relate to parental rights:

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA also gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

This amendment affords parents of students certain rights regarding, among other things, participation in surveys, the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams.

Finally, as it relates to your progressive worldviews/ideologies, I would ask you to answer 4 questions and to spend time ruminating on the answers –

1. How do you know it to be true?
2. What are your sources for it?
3. What happens if you're wrong?
4. Can you live it out consistently?

If your answers to these questions as they relate to your progressive worldview show that you, personally, are walking in the wrong direction, what are you going to do about it? My encouragement to you would be to turn 180 degrees and walk the other direction. Because if you're wrong in your worldview, the consequences will be disastrous. By extension, imposing a worldview with disastrous consequences upon the school district means the school district will implode. I genuinely hope you take these admonitions seriously, turn back from your current direction and walk north instead of south.

Sincerely,  
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