

I am writing to express my support for HB 2835.

As a pastor currently serving families who have children enrolled as students in two different school districts in our local community, I have an interest in opposing the harm I believe is taking place in these children's education. The harm that is being done is the result of an un-tested, poorly designed and costly takeover of local responsibility and control of education adopted here in Oregon, the Common Core State Standards. This overreach must be stopped!

I have always believed that school ought to be an extension of the home. Children actually get their earliest education from their parents and older siblings within the home. When a child is old enough to attend school outside of their home, a partnership should develop between the education they receive from school and the the education begun at home that will continue until the child is old enough to start the next phase of their development after successfully completing the education provided at home and at school. That's why CCSS is such a threat and is doing harm to that goal. It absolutely voids the possibility of parents, teachers, administrators and school boards working together locally in a cooperative environment to determine how to best accomplish the goal of educating our children in compliance with mutually agreed upon criteria.

HB 2835, as written, will rescue each local school district's ability to decide for themselves how best to serve the students in their local community. I urge our State Representatives to support HB 2835!

Sincerely,

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