

Dear House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2748.

I hope to attend the Committee hearing Monday, March 25 at 1pm. If given the opportunity, I would like to read the text of my letter below:

Our eldest daughter is a 9th grader at Riverdale High School and she loves it. My daughter is very motivated to succeed and Riverdale offers her what she wants: high academic standards, serious students, excellent teaching and involved parents. Riverdale is a remarkable school: small, warm, unpretentious, and very serious about learning and academics. Because my eldest has liked Riverdale so much, my second daughter is planning on attending Riverdale next year in the 9th grade. She too is an excellent student and she chose Riverdale after shadowing at other schools, public and private.

Since we live outside the district we pay tuition to send our daughter to Riverdale. HB 2748 would prohibit families such as ours from paying tuition to send their kids to public schools like Riverdale.

If HB 2748 bill becomes law, public schools in Oregon will lose as families such as ours may opt to send their children to private schools. Oregon should be expanding school freedom and promoting successful public school models, such as Riverdale, rather than legislating them out of existence.

HB 2748 will be a disaster for our family, a disaster for Riverdale High School and a tragedy for the future of Oregon public schools. If there is a winner in HB 2748 it will be private schools.

I urge you to vote no on HB 2748.

Thank you.

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