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To: [Hampton Susan](#)
Cc: [Rep Williamson](#)
Subject: VOTE NO ON HB2748 A RACE TO THE BOTTOM
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2013 9:45:53 AM

Dear Representatives,

Please vote no on HB2748

Our son Colin attends Riverdale Grade School as a 2nd grader. We are a family who lives out of district and pays tuition. Our tax dollars go to the state of Oregon's general fund. We were NOT granted a transfer from the Portland Public School (PPS) district to Riverdale, therefore, our tax dollars do not follow our son to RSD.

I'm not quite sure what the purpose of the bill is, but it seems very troubling to me. The Portland public school my son would attend is full and not accepting transfers because it is full, with classrooms at maximum capacity. They cannot accommodate more students. By not allowing him to attend Riverdale, the PPS district would gain no additional revenue. I don't see any concern being shown for my son or the other students who attend Riverdale in this measure. Who would benefit from this measure?

Support of this bill will only put the Riverdale School District and in jeopardy.

The goal of any school district should be to offer the best educational experience possible that people are willing to pay for and support its continued success.

Riverdale is one of the most successful K-12 programs in the country. We need to support success not punish it. Schools and school communities like Riverdale help foster well rounded members of our society that other students can look up to and compete with. This measure would only put stress on the RSD and cause the program and educational experience for the children to suffer.

Clearly this measure has no concern for my son's education or the education of the other students who attend Riverdale.

Please vote no on HB2748

Sincerely,

Gregg Carmichael