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Regarding HB 2748-

The small community that makes Riverdale school district is very concerned about the effects of HB 2748 . It is our understanding that Sara Gelser has been very under handed in bringing this bill to the table. She has falsified the facts. She put an emergency stamp on the bill to push it through without notifying the school districts who would be affected. She has speculated on how the district functions, insulting the district and its staff, parents, and students.

Through these actions, she is dissolving the reputation of a great school district that has had so much success. I don't understand representative Gelsers motive. Why dismantle something that is working so well? Why are some other small districts in Oregon given immunity regarding tuition?

The affects of HB 2748

In the Riverdale school district, many in district students attend private schools, so Riverdale relies on out of district tuition to make up for revenue that is lost to private schools. Rep. Gelser has suggested raising enrollment. In regards to the high school; it is close to capacity and cannot grow. Currently to maintain the progressive programs in the high school, they must bring in 40 tuition paying students a year. If they loose tuition students they would need 80 state funded student to fund the programs and keep the high school open. There is no room for these extra students in the high school. If HB 2748 passes this revenue will be cut. Without tuition the high school and grade school could be closed, shutting down the whole district down.

Only you can help keep a thriving school district open. If closed, there could be 60 teachers laid off, as well as 15 support staff. These are great teachers and administrators (with masters degrees in education) who have dedicated their lives to serving students and society. Please realize the affects HB 2748 has on a small district, such as Riverdale.

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