

Subject: plea for "no" vote on HB2748

To Oregon House Representatives,

We are parents of a seventh grade girl who is a transfer student at Riverdale Grade School. We are writing to voice our concerns in regard to HB2747, which prohibits school boards from charging tuition for non-resident students. We believe strongly in public education. We felt that our daughter's needs were not met at our local district school. We went through the process of transferring our daughter to Riverdale Grade School in Portland, Oregon, with exceptional results. We are confused by any plan with penalizes a successful public school program. The entire Dunthorpe Community has sacrificed and made thoughtful choices to create and maintain their schools. Allowing a mixture of resident students, transfer students, and tuition students is essential to the diversity and financial foundation of Riverdale. To prevent Riverdale from accepting tuition would likely cause permanent damage. Our daughter and all students would be directly affected as well as the entire community. It would impact many peoples' lives and futures. It would be destructive. Think carefully of your actions. Protect Riverdale and it's model of excellence. Do not bring devastation to its students. Thank you for listening to our plea and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

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