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TO: Senate Committee on Education
From: Andrew Beach, Parent of 3 public school students

RE: Opposition to SB 215

Dear Committee members,

The course of education in Oregon is becoming increasingly centralized in the halls of Salem and Washington DC with the development of committees, departments, and programs that generate zero results for my children. I've seen the sliding backwards of curriculum that was foisted on the teachers by the adoption of the common core standards. Since all the books that the Beaverton Schools weren't aligned with common core, those books could no longer be used for Math and Language Arts.

Let's think about the job of OEIB, it was to provide ideas and to sunset. That was the design of the measure and should be honored. There is one idea they haven't addressed, and that is allowing parents to decide the educational programs that most benefit their children. The current system is not allowing parents any input at all. So the OEIB is touting 40/40/20, which is a grand scheme that might not be in student or parents best interest. The path to education is not paved with grand schemes of beaureaucratic committee. Here's an idea on a strategic investment, give the parents the money to spend instead of government agencies.

Sincerely yours,

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