

**Subject:** Senate Bill 957

Dear Sirs/Mdms,

As a concerned citizen of this state, and as a parent, I am writing to ask that you please consider carefully the ramifications of this bill. K-12 education is in pretty sad shape as it is without this blow. Oregon already has the shortest school year **in the nation** and really awful graduation rates. This legislation has the potential to shorten school days even farther.

The legislature took a step in the right direction last year in more appropriately defining instructional hours and what that number should like like to have meaning for our students. All that work will be lost if this bill continues to move forward.

Please see that this bill does not get passed, either into the House or at all. It erodes the K-12 educational system in such a way that the students of Oregon may not recover, and they are already suffering, through none of it within their control.

I am aware that there is a work session on what is known as the Instructional Hours Bill and I am asking that during this work session you quell this piece of legislation.

A student's opportunity for an adequate education should absolutely not be taken from them because the state can't seem to adequately fund K-12 education. The economic health of our state is only one area impacted and demands that we provide better for our future leaders, business people, politicians.

Thank you for hearing me and acting upon my request, as I know I make it for hundreds, if not thousands, of citizens in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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