

Hello,

I am a concerned parent of two Portland Public School district students, and I am writing to let you know of my opposition to SB 437, the establishment of Educational Savings Accounts. They are another tool of the Betsy DeVos school privatization agenda. They not only drain our public schools of funding by lowering enrollment; those who have the means to establish ESAs avoid paying taxes on their ESA contributions, further reducing the State's General Fund.

Parents are on the lookout for cleverly disguised movement towards school voucher programs that decimate public schools without the accountability or equity required in our public school system. SB 437 has not escaped our notice—this is a dangerous precedent and one that is not supported by Oregon parents.

Thank you for your consideration,

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