

Hello,

My name is Jeffrey Timmons and I am a St Helens, Oregon resident.

I have been a public school teacher for almost 20 years and I also have coached 2 sports, wrestling and baseball, for almost 20 years.

I want to address the mandated vaccines. First, my understanding is that Oregon actually has a very HIGH vaccine rate in fact, it's over 95%, and I also know that parents that are choosing to not vaccinate are either on a delayed schedule or they are not vaccinating because of health issues and their child is not able to get vaccinated.

Never once in my 20 years of teaching has anything vaccine related come up as an issue in the school district. The parents in the community and their children pose no threat to us at all.

There are however a lot of things that we as a community deal with on a regular basis. We have an extremely high amount of student that have emotional disturbances and behavior issues that disrupt my classroom everyday. Those children are allowed into the school day after day and pose much higher threats than any unvaccinated child ever did.

I am also concerned that if you take these medical freedom rights away from the parents that the schools will just lose funding. I am pretty in touch with my community and the people that have chosen to not vaccinate have done it with a lot of thought and education, and a passing a law won't make them change their mind. They will just leave. Our already underfunded schools really can't handle more loss.

Lastly, I wasn't aware that it was appropriate to trade "health" for education. Again, the majority of my kids have mental health issues and behavior issues and are welcome in my classroom day in and day out.

Please vote no on HB 3063 and vote no. Parental rights to choose what goes into their child's bodies and holding an education for ransom are wrong.

Thank you,
Jeffrey Timmons