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Salem-Keizer School District

Chair Doherty and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB 2516 prohibiting State School Fund monies for virtual charter promotion. As a parent of three children in Salem-Keizer School District, I am concerned about virtual charter school lack of accountability, increased inequality and failure to educate Oregon students.

Oregon's State School Fund distributed about \$60 million to school districts sponsoring virtual charter schools for the 2015-16 school year. Oregon Connections Academy spent \$200,000 on promotional ads in 2015-16 alone, said Allison Galvin, ORCA's executive director.*

These schools have consistently failed statewide assessment participation and proficiency rates.

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| 1 | Academic Year | School | Subject | Number Proficient | Percent Proficient | Number of Participants | Participation Rate | Percent Proficient | schools |
| 2 | 2017-2018 | Baker Web Academy | Mathematics | 160 | 24% | 670 | 79.1 | | |
| 3 | 2017-2018 | Baker Web Academy | English Lan | 356 | 53% | 675 | 79.7 | 0-20 | 2 |
| 4 | 2017-2018 | Clackamas Web Academy | Mathematics | 56 | 27% | 207 | 90.8 | 21-30 | 7 |
| 5 | 2017-2018 | Clackamas Web Academy | English Lan | 125 | 60% | 210 | 92.1 | 31-40 | 4 |
| 6 | 2017-2018 | Crater Lake Charter Academy | Mathematics | 21 | 14% | 151 | 98.7 | 41-50 | 1 |
| 7 | 2017-2018 | Crater Lake Charter Academy | English Lan | 53 | 35% | 152 | 99.3 | 51-60 | 6 |
| 8 | 2017-2018 | Fossil Charter School | Mathematics | 138 | 43% | 322 | 93.6 | 61-70 | 5 |
| 9 | 2017-2018 | Fossil Charter School | English Lan | 220 | 68% | 322 | 93.6 | Above 70 | 0 |
| 10 | 2017-2018 | Frontier Charter Academy | Mathematics | 25 | 29% | 86 | 76.1 | | |
| 11 | 2017-2018 | Frontier Charter Academy | English Lan | 51 | 59% | 87 | 77.0 | | |
| 12 | 2017-2018 | Hillsboro Online Academy | Mathematics | 31 | 33% | 95 | 78.5 | | |
| 13 | 2017-2018 | Hillsboro Online Academy | English Lan | 63 | 68% | 92 | 76.0 | | |
| 14 | 2017-2018 | Metro East Web Academy | Mathematics | 57 | 28% | 206 | 99.0 | | |
| 15 | 2017-2018 | Metro East Web Academy | English Lan | 138 | 67% | 206 | 99.0 | | |
| 16 | 2017-2018 | Oregon Connections Academy | Mathematics | 432 | 28% | 1566 | 71.1 | | |
| 17 | 2017-2018 | Oregon Connections Academy | English Lan | 856 | 54% | 1580 | 71.7 | | |
| 18 | 2017-2018 | Oregon Virtual Academy | Mathematics | 152 | 21% | 723 | 65.5 | | |
| 19 | 2017-2018 | Oregon Virtual Academy | English Lan | 372 | 51% | 736 | 66.7 | | |
| 20 | 2017-2018 | Silvies River Charter School | Mathematics | 31 | 34% | 91 | 59.1 | | |
| 21 | 2017-2018 | Silvies River Charter School | English Lan | 57 | 64% | 89 | 57.8 | | |
| 22 | 2017-2018 | Summit Learning Charter | Mathematics | 83 | 34% | 241 | 55.0 | | |
| 23 | 2017-2018 | Summit Learning Charter | English Lan | 152 | 62% | 246 | 56.2 | | |
| 24 | 2017-2018 | West Lane Technology Learni | Mathematics | 3 | 11% | 27 | 96.4 | | |
| 25 | 2017-2018 | West Lane Technology Learni | English Lan | 16 | 59% | 27 | 96.4 | | |
| 26 | 2017-2018 | Virtual Charter Total | | 3648 | 41% | 8807 | | | |

Virtual education allows for the luxurification of human contact, where poorer students are given screens instead of real teachers. This business model is seen in SBAC formative tests and "personalized learning", which use eugenic standardization to privatize public education.

In addition to prohibiting public monies for virtual charter promotion, please consider de-authorizing virtual charters and allocating the funds to brick and mortar public schools.

Sincerely,

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*<https://thinkingoregon.org/2017/09/26/virtual-charter-schools-dont-compute/>