



HB 3063

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My name is Dana Methvin. I am a single mom of two, a business owner, and homeschooler.

My children will not be kicked out of school if this bill passes, but it is important to me, because it is simply wrong. Burdening parents to implement medical procedures on their children is wrong. There is no crisis, despite what the media and sponsors of this bill would like you to believe.

Here is something to consider:

Oregon schools are inclusive, as they should be. My experience and my family/friend's experience working with and educating children with behavioral problems means that teachers are getting spit on, pushed, hit, kicked, bitten, and often sent to the hospital with torn ligaments (due to be knocked over) or concussions (due to being hit in the back of the head with a large rock). Police are sometimes called to the schools. My own family members have had to lose work due to physical therapy as a result of an injury that a student caused. Students who witness these things daily have described being anxious and afraid for their own safety. But our solution is never to exclude these kids, despite the aggression, violence and disruption. Our solution is to accommodate them, provide resources and do our best to help them succeed. Why then are we excluding perfectly healthy children who only pose a potential and theoretical and very unlikely threat? If one group of kids with the potential to cause harm can be allowed, why not another group of kids with even less potential to harm? Has Oregon's priorities shifted from education for every kid, to vaccination for every kid?

If school children were getting infected with preventable diseases at higher rates, if measles had truly been "eliminated" (zero cases) and is now resurfacing, if vaccination rates were alarmingly low, then maybe -maybe- this bill would be worth considering. The fact that children doing school online from home would also be prohibited is shocking.

Please oppose HB 3063.

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