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To whom it may concern,

We don't really need to raise taxes and reinvent the wheel to do better with our education program in Oregon.

I have a unique perspective about education and have some grass roots type solutions before we enact economy and job killing tax hikes. Here are my suggestions:

1. Remove all student cell phones from school. (Attack cyber bullies and distraction head on.)
2. Move all student chrome books to the library for access for research, not for regular use in classrooms. (With special exceptions.) Too often, chromebooks are used as pacifiers, for games, and for cyberbullies. They should be used only as learning tools primarily in the library and definitely not to capture private data on students. Teachers are not able to police all these all the time, it's just too much.
3. Bring back the option for principals to apply physical punishment. (Especially for boys, the threat/application of physical violence is an excellent deterrent.)
4. Remove the benefits of putting so many on behavioral drugs or on special needs plans.
5. Allow school choice. (Parents should not be forced to send their kids to a failed school.). Set up a voucher type of system which can be redeemed at any school, public or private.
6. Allow principals to fire burned out or incompetent teachers.
7. Make union membership optional for teachers. (I can negotiate my own paycheck and benefits.). I don't support killing babies or most ideas supported by the teacher's union, i should not be encouraged to support left wing ideologies through strike or protest. I definitely should not be sent emails on public school email systems telling me how to vote or what to support. (Lets be truthful, union leaders are for union leaders best interests and represent teachers as a higher priority than students and parents needs.)
8. Trash common core curriculum. Allow teachers to teach subjects that the parents and community support, not curriculum that is often politically driven or forced. This should reflect what the local community wants not what someone far away dictates.
9. Ban cnn from classrooms if no counter view of current events is available. Diversity of thought should be encouraged and embraced.
10. Provide full detail on any health and sex education curriculum to parents before it is taught. Parents need to know what students are being taught and this is one area that parents are not aware.
11. Place a higher emphasis on 'direct instruction' as a teaching method.
12. Hold students accountable. (Everyone deserves an equal opportunity to work hard and achieve, not a guaranteed pass.)
13. Fully support ICE and deport/prosecute illegal aliens. Tax payers should not be funding or encouraging criminal behavior.
14. Fully support immigration reform. (The fact is, if our economy keeps roaring ahead as it has these last two years, we'll need many more legal immigrants who are here to contribute and become Americans, not more people who have learned that our laws are optional and just want welfare benefits.)
15. Attack entitled student attitudes. Teachers should have the mind set that they work for

parents and tax payers not students. Upsetting students with homework and alternative world views, including all political sides, should be the norm not the exception.

16. Hold students accountable for their work and don't hesitate to suspend disrupters.
17. Ban all self admitted works of propaganda written by howard zinn unless they are taught with balance politically and not as fact. Howard himself admitted that his works are meant to sway opinions, to teach his works as fact is criminal in my opinion.
18. Allow teachers to carry concealed weapons if they are willing and properly trained. (Potential shooters should know that our schools are not soft targets and no one needs to know who is armed and who is not.)

Just a few ideas here....i have more.

As a legal immigrant, teacher and veteran myself who loves my country and being an American, i see that the best way to destroy the country is to do it from within. Please, lets not do that.

When a large swath of students are fully supportive of socialism, i worry that their future will include starvation and death as it has always resulted in the past and we can see on full display now in Venezuela.

The fact that these little socialists are completely unaware of what socialism actually brings historically in reality is not only a poor reflection on the quality of our education system but also criminal negligence on the part of teachers, administrators and parents alike.

Thanks for your time and good luck with your work to repair our failed education system.

Sincerely,

Doug Keller