

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the House Education Committee,

Oregon school children spend more time in doors than many other states. Our children spend more time getting dental exams, eye exams, health exams and spending weeks preparing for statewide testing and should be focused on just getting educated.

Investigative reporting by OPB showed that Oregon Department of Education pushed out their Chief Information Officer for raising concerns over HIPAA and FERPA violations with the State Longitudinal Data System. Our children do not need another survey which can release very personal and identifying information to the State and Oregon Health Authority. (see 3 documents on this attached).

Per Oregon Department of Education's website they are already doing a full survey through the data systems they have put in place, as you can see [here](#), which I am not sure is legal.

Our family opposes HB4132 as it distracts from the job of our schools to educate our students and instead start gathering personal and identifying information I believe can end up being breached and exposed to anyone.

Until such time as I know that the State Longitudinal Data System and it's other "data gathering" systems have been fully verified as in compliance with FERPA and HIPAA I do not feel comfortable with the state gathering more information.

In addition, the urgency I see with our schools is that our students have very low number of days in school, everything gets packed into those school days, with diets high in sugar (my daughter gets close to 200grams a day) and only get 15 minutes of recess a day I truly don't understand why MORE time is being invested in this versus figuring out how to extend our school year, getting our kids outdoors which Governor Brown promised when re-elected and counting recess as schooling.

Minimally, this should be an opt in and opt out survey and that parents, including families of low income being fully educated on the implications of this data gathering system and it's use.

Please OPPOSE HB4132 as presently written and protect HIPAA and FERPA.

Best regards,

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