

As a member of the PPS Board of Education I believe minors deserve privacy, especially when talking about something as sensitive as their health, and that parents should be informed of what is happening at their children's school so that they can advocate for their student's needs. Fortunately, House Bill 4132 is anonymous, confidential, and most importantly, completely voluntary. Parents are provided written notification of the survey well before it is administered allowing them time to review the survey at the school office or online and make a decision about their child participating. Parents and students are always able to decline participation in the survey, and even if a they choose to participate in the survey, no student is required to provide any information they do not feel comfortable sharing and are able to skip any question they wish. The data that is collected is anonymous and aggregated and cannot be connected back to any individual student. That way, Oregon students can maintain their privacy. I want to also clarify that HB 4132 does not violate any HIPPA or FERPA laws. Again, the survey is completely anonymous and voluntary. The survey asks students about their perceptions of their health and any information collected has been given freely provided.

Please support HB 4132 so that we might better serve our students.

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