



TO: Members of the Oregon State Legislature

DATE: December 17, 2020

RE: Amendment LC 21

I am aware of an amendment being drafted to LC 21 to include private schools in liability protection and am asking you to pass this amendment. I would also ask you to include us in any financial relief being offered to schools to offset the costs of meeting OHA and ODE guidelines as set forth in the RSSL requirements.

Crosshill Christian from the beginning of the pandemic has willingly followed guidelines introduced by OHA and ODE. Following these guidelines has not been easy and has caused significant financial difficulty and additional hardship to our community.

If indeed we are in this fight against COVID-19 together, why should lines continue to be drawn between public and private schools? If we care about the mental and physical health and well-being of all students in the state or Oregon, why are private schools singled out from these provisions?

I understand there are differences between the public and private sector regarding governance. But when new expectations are placed on both public and private, but protection and funding for those new expectations are only provided to the public, the governance for the benefit of all people has been compromised.

It seems fair and right to include private schools in any amendment providing liability protection and financial relief due to governmental guidelines.

Sincerely,

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