

Good Morning

I am a parent of a senior and a grandparent of a 2nd grader both in the Hillsboro school district. I have been a very active parent in the school district. My son is 25 and my daughter is 17. I volunteered in both of their classrooms through elementary school, always went on field trips, I was on the PTA board and volunteered at all activities for both my kids. I am very angry and disappointed in our school district as well as Oregon. These kids have missed out on a year of education. The distance learning does not work. For example my grand daughters 2nd grade teacher asked a student a question and the child said she did not know. The teacher got mad and told the class if anyone else says I don't know they would get marked down on their report card. There was several 2nd graders very upset and in tears. First of all the kids do not know the answers because this teacher is failing to teach them as well as this district and Oregon. Secondly how does this make these 2nd graders feel about school in general. Another example one of my seniors teacher teaches while she is working out on an elliptical. Can you imagine watching your teacher workout, sweat and heavy breathe while teaching a class. My daughter gets so annoyed listening to her heavy breathing that she leaves the web meeting. I can't blame her.

I have heard over and over from Kate Brown, doctors and everyone the science behind this virus however if you look at the science from other countries and States you will see there is very low risk for transmission. Oregon is one of the only States remaining still district learning. Basically compared to other states our kids have missed a year of school, they are behind. This is not setting them up for a successful future.

The teachers in Hillsboro school district and across Oregon are fighting to keep distant learning. Kate Brown has moved back vaccines for senior citizens who really are in need of the vaccine in order to vaccinate teachers however teachers are still refusing to go back to in person even after they are vaccinated. I watched Kate Brown's conference last week and a reporter asked "Why not have teachers sign a contract stating they agree to in person teaching once they are vaccinated?" Kate Brown advised "I have provided all districts with tools to reopen in person school for ALL kids this school year. However districts are not planning on reopening Hillsboro included. These districts need to be mandated to open just as they were to close almost a year ago. These kids are paying the price if politics and teachers laziness. It's time for Oregon to step up and do what's right for our kids. I know several families that have left Oregon so their kids can get a real education. That to me is sad and ridiculous that Oregon kids or certain districts are being allowed to stay distant learning. You, Kate Brown, Doctors, and everyone else needs to step up for our kids. Im not even going to go into all the issues kids are mentally and physically feeling right now. I'm sure you are aware. Help our kids get the education they deserve. You have already put them a year behind compared to other States.

Thank you
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