

We are not creating a law, we are not re-writing the Bible, we are trying to expand on a law that not only contains grey space, but also allows for wiggle room and flexibility. If a teacher hears about sexual assault, they need to inform the authorities. It is a safety thing. Knowing that assault, as well as abuse and other forms of harassment go ignored daily is not only concerning as a parent but also terrifies me as a member of the community. When I send my kids to school I expect them to learn, to make friends, but to most importantly be safe. Every single announcement I have ever heard from schools talks about the priority of my child's safety, it scares me to know that their safety had stipulations. My husband and I chose to send our kids to private school, mainly for the educational growth, but also because I knew that they would be looked after and cared for on a much deeper and closer level. I wish I knew before throwing away \$200,000 that they would learn, and make friends, but the safety and protection went as far as the bullet proof glass and the tall fence. It's really good they saved my kids from the outfit, but I didn't know that it was what was on the inside that was just as dangerous.

I have always taught my girls that in a situation involving bullying, that a bystander is just as bad as a bully. So I guess I would ask what your opinion is. In a situation regarding sexual assault, is a school administrator that knows about the case and does not tell the authorities just as bad? I would think so.

It is clear that the laws that we have in effect, as they are, are not effective. If they were, we would not be seeing court case after court case of the archdiocese being sued because they think they're above the law, anyone and everyone knows that. We need change, not because anyone needs to be in trouble, but because we need to help victims get out of it.

I care about my kids and the future they have and after experiencing something as traumatizing as an assault, I could not imagine having a teacher knowing about it and not telling me. These schools claim to want to "partner with us." So you want me to tell you when my kid does not do their homework, but when they are abused you're going to keep it to yourself? I don't think so.

We need better in Oregon. If this was your kid, what would you want?

I seriously want to know why someone would oppose. What is so bad? Why is it bad to have more rules?

I guess we living in a world where you send your your kids to catholic school for the community and the education, not because they will actually be safe. That's sad.