

To the Senate Committee of Education, As a parent, grandparent of Oregon students, concerned citizen and supporter of education I strongly oppose SB 223.

The education system in Oregon receives below standard results for our students year after year. This education system needs help, Oregon citizens and parents need help, our students need help. There is a huge need for more options, more opportunities, more flexibility and more school choice-NOT more requirements, NOT more regulation, NOT more layers of bureaucratic oversight. This bill does not read as a "voluntary" bill that addresses Oregon private schools, rather it is a mandatory requirement that will be costly and ineffective. It is "register and follow all the rules" or your private school and it's students and the parents who financially support the schools and value a private school education for their children, these people and their children will be punished and prevented for participation in many activities and organizations that add value to the educational experience. Vote NO on SB 223. Our legislators can do much better for our students.