

As an educator for over 20 years in both public and private schools, I am compelled to express my strong opposition to SB 223 Legislation regarding private schools being subject to the State of Oregon rules and regulations that would essentially make them into public schools. Since the State of Oregon does not fund private schools, the Oregon Department of Education should not have any jurisdiction regarding the private education system in this state.

As a parent of children in private school, I choose to pay extra so that my children can have a quality education since the quality and standards of public education in Oregon is sadly lacking. The taxpayers of Oregon fund public schools and Oregon's Education system ranks as one of the lowest in the nation, so I believe that ODE should reprioritize their objectives and make public school students' education their utmost priority. Education should not be a political issue, while the needs of all children should always be first and foremost on the State of Oregon's agenda.

I will reiterate that I am strongly opposed to this legislation, as it will undermine the good work that is being done by the private institutions.

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