

I am in support of this bill, but find it reprehensible that no one in Oregon's government, besides Republican representatives, seemed to fight our governor on her extended school closures and the immeasurable and devastating effects they caused, particularly when it was unnecessary and done to appease the teacher's union.

That having been said, moving forward all high schoolers should have the opportunity to make up their grades from this past year. Not just failing grades, but students who received D's, C's and B's should be able to make them up, so these grades do not go on their permanent transcript. Even though all West Coast students were collectively screwed by school closures, other parts of the country were not. A student from Oregon who received C's due to not being able to learn Chemistry or Trigonometry online, with only an hour or two of ONLINE instruction a week, should not be able to be compared for college entry with students from states who received full time, in person instruction. Oregon high schoolers will not be able to be competitive with those outside of Oregon (or the West Coast) for out of state universities.

Free SAT and ACT prep courses should also be supplied to all high school students; since they will now be at an extreme disadvantage compared to others- they will not be prepared to take these tests because they received a FRACTION of the education their out of state peers did.

For students who received failing grades, there should be REASONABLE accommodations made so they can make those up and still continue to learn. They likely didn't learn anything from the class they failed, but making it too difficult will cause students to give up. Frankly- there is no way you can make up the education that you stole, or allowed the Governor, to steel from them.

I am glad this bill is on the table, but find it unforgivable that only now are our legislatures concerned about our children. Oregon parents will not forgive Oregon Democrats for tossing our children aside for the whims of Governor Brown and OEA this past year.