

I grew up in Portland in the 50's and 60's and attended schools in Oregon thru college. I never had a teacher of color in all those years and honestly never thought about it regarding myself. I have recently asked friends of color if they had teachers of color and for the most part they didn't. There was one teacher at Kennedy grade school who was black and also widely beloved. My grandson who is black and is now in college had only one teacher of color-in college- and he remarked how great that was. Yes I do think it is important for kids to see someone like them as a teacher. I support this important bill.