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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1521

Senate Committee On Education Members,

I am writing today in firm opposition to SB 1521. School boards in Oregon already have very little control over what goes on in their school districts. Over the years the state has stripped most local control away from our school boards and given it to ODE. The one power that boards do have is to terminate a superintendent who they feel is not meeting the needs, standards and desires of the local community.

Oregon is a state with vastly different communities who have the right to hire and fire the person who directs the education of their children. The past two years have shown us that as a state legislature you have given all your power over to the executive. By doing so you have allowed Governor Brown to take away all local control from schools, cities and counties across Oregon. I plead with you to not further tie the hands of our local elected officials by passing SB 1521.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Thomas,
Mother, Teacher, community volunteer and City Councilor