

Parents Educating Children

The education of our children is being debated here. The situation with our public schools is rightly recognized as truly bizarre. All these little study and fix-it-up bills will not solve the problem.

State issued mandates have ruined our schools. But education isn't even a normal local vs. state control issue.

Parents are responsible for educating their children, not the state or even the local government.

Parents are expected to raise their children, that involves many things like food, shelter, and education.

The more dedicated parents homeschool their children. But most parents still choose to use public schools.

To pretend that the state must control the local schools is an insult to parents. The local school boards are elected directly by the parents. The school board's job is to oversee the schools – with involvement of parents.

We need to get out of the way.

We should abolish the department of education and every state agency or board that has any authority over schools or teachers. Schools could hire anyone, regardless of licensure status, or membership in any kind of union.

Oregonians who live in the local districts can certainly be trusted to make their schools effective, just like they feed their children.

We should acknowledge that public education is simply a service which parents can use – and for which parents are responsible.