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I OPPOSE more senseless data collection for students. These surveys have gone too far with asking non-academic questions instead focusing on intrusive family life & sexual questions. How many surveys does the state already ask children to complete, where is this data going, who will see it, how will parents be notified, how much is the cost, is there time in the school day to complete this, what's the end goal? SO many questions that you all can't answer. Yes I bet it feels good to say "healthy & successful learners" but you have no way of really drilling down this useless data to prove that anyone is more successful or healthier. The Youth Truth surveys are already in the schools. These surveys do nothing but create more non-academic fluff like North Clackamas gender identity programs or in Corvallis they used this worthless data to create Social Emotional Learning nonsense which takes away ALOT of time from academics. The data from Youth Truth surveys also justify (mindlessly) to hire more top heavy admin. Another note about surveys CHILDREN DO NOT TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY, yet you people treat the data as if where gold & then ask for more money, & create more non-academic programs, & hire more & more admin. Children's minds change 55 times a day, take the survey in the morning & by the end of the day their answers have changed. At times they are rushed to finish the survey as it's provided at the end of class (you know because the teacher wants to TEACH first), it's been reported many many times that bribery (although innocent) has been used for kids to complete the surveyhere complete this survey so we can meet our benchmark of 95% & I'll give you a sucker!

Don't make this hard, just say NO!

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