

Statement of Economic Interest

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Hello Ms. Sattenspiel,

My name is Alesha Munk. I am the Vice Chair for the Nyssa School District, in Nyssa, Oregon. I have concern over the decision to require school board members to complete the Statement of Economic Interest.

I chose to run for school board because I love my community. I have been an active parent volunteer and looked to this opportunity to be an even greater help to the students in our town. I'm also fortunate enough to have the economic security to not need to work full time and am able to devote many hours each month to completing duties asked as a member of the school board. The reason I'm secure is because my husband has a terrific job, has multiple investments (including land holdings) and has worked hard to provide for our family so that I can follow my hobbies and interests. I do not think that my husband's sources of income should need to be disclosed to anyone. That is not anyone's business but ours and I find it offensive that such a requirement would be made.

In small rural districts, such as Nyssa, often those who are elected to the school board are those with good business sense, a knowledge of budgets and personnel management. They often have higher levels of education and income than others in their area, which allows them the ability to have time to give to their local school districts. Requiring those who would serve to disclose their personal financial information for a non paid, volunteer, position will greatly discourage others from running in the future. If allowed to stand, this will devastatingly limit the number of those who would run for this position, in towns where willing and able people are already few in number. This will cripple school boards across the state.

I have no intent to comply with this intrusive requirement, but I will not allow myself to be fined with civil penalties. I, along with others on my board and those around the state, will be forced to resign if this ruling isn't changed. I will be submitting my letter of resignation to the Board at our meeting on April 10th if this nonsense is allowed to stand.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alesha Munk
Vice Chair, Nyssa School District