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Hi while I believe all students should have an opportunity to learn and be admitted to school, I also believe we are doing a disservice to our Oregon students by social promotion. If a student has not mastered reading and math at their grade level (based on MAP Testing data) then they need to be automatically held back a year. We need to follow suit with Florida and Mississippi who are now using the benchmark promotion and seeing a great success in their students. Not only will we improve reading and math scores statewide, we will have more confident students in middle and high school. Students will try harder knowing that they have a chance of being held back a year and they really need that push. I teach at Harrison Park Middle school and I have 7th grade students reading at a second grade level. We give no reason for our students to make an effort by simply socially promoting them. We need to do better statewide and show that our students are as capable as any students nationwide. Please take this into consideration.

Thank you,
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