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Chair Hudson and all the members of the House Committee on Education

My name is Brianda Regalsdo and I live in Hillsboro, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB 4079 to Safeguard Students and Families.

Federal guidance designating schools as “sensitive areas” was rescinded in 2025 created uncertainty regarding on-campus ICE actions. Federal enforcement actions have increased in the areas around schools. In recent months schools have been forced to go into lockdown procedures, sometimes several schools in a single day.

Schools are hubs of learning, engagement and safety, and they must remain that way. Any time there is an incident involving law enforcement or unknown persons with access to weapons in or around school locations there must be clear process and communication.

As someone who facilitates after school programming to Latina/e youth I am witnessing the fear it is instilling in our students, families, and community. Participation has decreased as families are scared to go outside. Access and resources are already hard as a minority and this is making it even harder. We are witnessing generational trauma being passed on. Please take this matter serious.

This bill lays out proactive and reactive communication expectations to keep everyone safe. Consistent application and consistent communication is needed so that all students, parents and staff regardless of which school they attend, are able to be safe and informed when something happens in their community. Oregonians know when we are informed we can be stronger together.

Sincerely,
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