

Dear legislators:

Schools should be sacred places, where offering support and care for all children provides the baseline for their potential to learn. As the harbinger for the health of our collective future, how we treat our children reveals what we value as a society.

Currently, masked secret police employed by the most anti-child federal administration in modern American history are terrorizing our communities, especially where we live in Western Washington County, where immigrants are a crucial and beautiful part of the fabric of our community.

Devastatingly, just a brief sampling of what we have allowed to happen to our children while in our care at school this year includes:

- In a state where chronic absenteeism from school is already a huge issue, children and their families are terrified to attend. For example, in Forest Grove, 206 students have withdrawn this school year - 66% of whom are Hispanic, according to the superintendent.
- In Beaverton, masked secret agents smashed the windows of a father dropping off his four year old at preschool to kidnap him while she was in the backseat.
- In McMinnville, a 17-year-old US citizen was arrested on his lunch period after officers smashed his car window and detained for hours without access to a lawyer or his family having any idea where he was or if he was safe.
- Forcing teachers across the state to bear the burden of the fear of children and families that they may show up to school and never see one another again after drop off.

In Oregon, a sanctuary state, we must live up to our commitment to protect our communities. Adopting *HB 4079 — Safeguarding Students and Families* — to require schools to notify families when secret police operating outside the bounds of this country's legal system are present on campus is quite literally the least we can do.

We are complicit in the collective shame of allowing the mass traumatization of a generation of children. One day, they will ask us how we allowed this to happen. What will you say?

In solidarity,
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mother & citizen of Oregon