

TO: House Committee on Education

SUBJECT: Support HB 4079 to Safeguard Students and Families

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

My name is Kenia, I am a student at PPS and I live in Multnomah county.

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Federal guidance designating schools as “sensitive areas” was rescinded in 2025 created uncertainty regarding on-campus ICE actions.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.

I would like to feel safe that I won’t be taken out of my school.

I wouldn’t even focus on school work. “What if they show up here?” I’d be thinking.

I would like for them to stay far from schools, so we could set up a perimeter in the neighborhood because fearing for my safety is not how I learn.

I feel for the safety of my friends and if they have siblings too.

We need more Latina’s here.

Sincerely,

Kenia from Portland