

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Federal guidance designating schools as “sensitive areas” was rescinded in 2025 created uncertainty regarding on-campus ICE actions.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

Some kids had made a joke a while ago where they screamed “la migra” in the hallway and it made some kids run. It was funny but now it's actually happening and it's so terrifying now. Adults are looking over their shoulders and kids shouldn't be aware of these things. Also since im going into highschool, and I was excited to go to this school because, I wanted to get in really bad. I don't want to spend my entire high school experience worried that they will come in because my school will be right in downtown Portland. And kids shouldn't worry about losing their parents anyways.

Sincerely,

Alyn from Portland