

Perreault Matt

From: David Crandall <mogdriver@gmail.com>
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To: Rep Doherty
Cc: Perreault Matt
Subject: Please withdraw HB 4013

Dear Rep. Doherty - I'm aware that you may not see this before today's Work Session that includes HB 4013 but hope that you will still take it into consideration.

As you have heard from other parents, grandparents, school board members and voters in Portland, we view HB 4013 as a thinly veiled "hit job" on Kim Sordyl that is masquerading as a technical refinement that revisits the law's original intent. Your protestations to the contrary are simply not credible to this grandparent of kids attending PPS.

Kim's advocacy for students and parents who otherwise have had no recourse when PPS administrators ignored and dismissed their legitimate complaints is well-known and widely applauded by those of us who observe local education closely. The decades old dysfunction of PPS is finally being addressed by new board members and a highly qualified Superintendent.

Addressing such dysfunction sometimes requires passion, persistence and a willingness to call out hypocrisy and dissembling. Kim Sordyl's straight talk can bother some people, especially those who are not used to being challenged on their lies. But public officials need to have thick skins, especially these days; otherwise they should step aside.

Oregon's education system needs major overhauling. The attention of legislators should be on the central issues that inhibit our ability to regain our rightful position in state rankings. Time spent on peripheral issues

like HB 4013 that consume a bill slot would be better used for addressing something truly meaningful.

I urge you to show real leadership and withdraw HB 4013; parents and grandparents alike will applaud you. Thanks for your consideration. Regards, Dr. David P. Crandall

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