

September 29, 2016

Re: **Scappoose School Board Vote to Establish a School-Based Health Center**

Dear Scappoose School District Superintendent and Board Members,

I understand that you recently voted to approve locating a Public Health Foundation (TPHFCC) School-Based Health Center (SBHC) on Scappoose School District (SDD) property with the use of a \$60,000 “planning grant” to help make this happen. Parents’ Rights in Education is hearing from many parents and guardians who are expressing concern and frustration about this sudden Scappoose School Board (SSB) decision.

It is important to note that Oregon SBHCs operate like any other clinic which follows HIPAA laws and also the Oregon Health Authority’s [‘Minor Rights: Access and Consent to Health Care’](#) (ORS 109.640; 109.675), and would leaving you (SSB) unable to know who is touching students, what is being inserted or injected into students or what is being ingested, prescribed, recommended or referred to students while at school.

Oregon school boards and superintendents are required by statute ([ORS 322.072](#)) to serve the residents of their district and making health care decisions for students is not why you were hired or elected. The bottom-line question is: **Once dropped off at school, are parents and guardians in charge of their child’s health care or are strangers?**

A “certified” SBHC for example, would be required to either provide or refer students (of any age) to any and all forms of “reproductive services” (ie: [contraceptives](#)) without the knowledge or consent of the parent or guardian. It is an opportunity for an outside business to benefit financially (ie: TPFHCC), while leaving you complicit in building a wedge between the parent/child relationship, discriminating against certain family’s moral values and creating potential safety and liability issues for the Scappoose School District (SSD).

I imagine you will have standards for review in place guaranteeing that the potential risks and side-effects of each SBHC service are fully and accurately given to students (‘informed consent’). I have no doubt that that the wellbeing of students entrusted to your care is paramount however unfortunately the Oregon [SBHC Minimum Certification Standards](#) ties your hands and leaves your constituents with more questions than answers.

I urge you to reconsider your decision. Parents/Guardians expect you to honor their legal right and responsibility to guide and direct the health care decisions of their children.

Regards,

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