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Over 1,000 parents, grandparents, and science education supporters praise Portland Public Schools for adopting climate literacy resolution

Portland -- More than 1,000 parents, grandparents, and science education supporters from Oregon and beyond have signed a [letter of thanks](#), written by the pro-climate science education group [Climate Parents](#), to members of the Portland Public Schools Board for adopting a climate literacy resolution in May. The board is meeting tomorrow (June 14) evening in Portland for the first time since the story gained national prominence.

The thank you letter, which was delivered to board members this morning, states:

“Thank you for standing up for Portland students by passing a resolution requiring replacement of textbooks and other instructional materials that contain inaccurate information about human-caused climate change. While we know you've received angry messages from those who refuse to acknowledge the scientific consensus, there are far more of us who strongly support and appreciate your action. Climate change is the largest challenge today's students will face, and they absolutely deserve to be taught the truth about it. You did the right thing for Portland kids, and we're grateful. Thank you for your service, and please keep up the great work!”

The full list of letter signers is attached. Many signers of the thank you letter added supportive comments including these:

As a former teacher I am so glad the Portland School Board is looking at curriculum that is accurate and scientifically based. Bravo!

-- Suzanne M. Keller, Scappoose, OR

I am so proud that the district that I work in is taking steps to present children with the facts and reality of the world they will inherit and have to deal with. We cannot spend any more time with our heads in the sand and I so thankful that the PPS also agrees. Thank you!

-- Nicole Marsh, Portland, OR

My child is a PPS high school student who needs accurate information about climate disruption and its sources in order to be able to be an active and effective citizen as an adult. The PPS Board has taken absolutely the right action in standing up for the truth and for teaching the truth. You have my backing and gratitude for acting as you have. I understand that you are coming under pressure to politicize the curriculum against the best scientific understanding, some of that pressure taking vile forms. I stand with you against such bullying. Thank you for doing your educational and ethical duty. In addition to the intrinsic value of your policy for the curriculum, you have set a powerful example to PPS students and Portlanders at large of how to do good public service.

-- Christopher Lowe, Portland, OR

Thank you! As a scientist and a mother of a soon to be kindergartener, I appreciate your decision!

-- Sheilagh Diez, Portland, OR 97215

I am a grandparent of young students in a target math/science PPS (Winterhaven) School. I am also a community college biology professor. I appreciate that our children will be receiving accurate and scientific information regarding climate change. Thanks you all.

-- Alice Shapiro, Portland, OR

Way to go, Portland School Board!! I am proud to be raising three kids in a city that understands how imperative global warming education is to the future of our planet. Thank you for taking a stand!

—Lindsey Laughlin, Portland, OR

Denial of our responsibility for maintaining our Earth is deepening the CRISIS. Our children must learn & understand what is happening or they will be blindsided & totally unprepared to manage the crisis. Thank you for defending & demanding a truthful education for our children.

—Mary McGaughey, Gresham, OR

As a longtime Portland resident and taxpayer (35 years in one home), thank you for doing the right thing and for standing up for the children of Portland and for the future of all of us. I hope you will stand firm in the face of unwarranted criticism and make us, as taxpayers, proud to support the future of the planet and of the city we love.

—Judith Aftergut, Portland, OR

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