

HECC about Stand for Children/M 98

I'm going spend my 3 minutes talking a little about Stand for Children, the corporation responsible for the creation and marketing of Measure 98. Stand for Children often has the ear of the Governor and the Department of Education, yet it has no education expertise. Its primary job is to be a mouthpiece for Bill Gates, a billionaire who is hell bent on privatizing our public schools. If you didn't already know that, you should start paying attention to educators and parents who value our public schools. We are Parents Across America Oregon, and we demand to have an equal voice with Stand for Children. We are a truly grassroots organization fighting for quality education. Just because we don't have millions to spend on ballot measures doesn't mean we shouldn't be heard. We opposed M 98. It was deceptively marketed to voters and will not do what Stand for Children has claimed.

Stand for Children receives millions in "dark money." Shouldn't we know who is funding the corporation that has carved out a huge chunk of all new education dollars to control? While Stand for Children seems to be revered in Oregon, it is loathed in most other states where it causes disruption and chaos. It is referred to as "Stand ON Children" or "Stand for Corporations." It famously buys up school board elections and supports candidates who will do the bidding of its billionaire funders. It bashes teachers and favors policies that harm children. Why should we think such a vile corporation would act any differently in our state?

M 98 isn't really about career tech. It's about edtech which is sometimes called personalized learning. It's about plopping kids down in front of a screen and delivering curricula via computer. Edtech is being hailed as an innovation when it really is decades old. It didn't work in the fifties, and today's version puts our children at risk. Edtech proposes a paradigm shift in both education and employment. Oregon has signed on to edtech projects without the knowledge or consent of parents. If you think the "opt-out" movement was a disruption, wait until parents find out what the state has

planned for kids behind their backs. When is the state going to come clean and tell parents what it has in store for their children?

If you want to know more about Edtech and the fallacies of M 98, read our blog at [Parents Across America Oregon](#). We will not be silenced.

That funding for M 98 comes from the k-12 budget but will fund higher ed is also very troubling.

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