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HOUSE REPUBLICANS APPLAUD PERFORMANCE AUDITING FOR PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Caucus Pushed 2007 Bill Requiring Regular Performance Audits of Schools

SALEM—House Republicans today applauded Portland Public Schools' (PPS) use of performance auditing to measure the operations and effectiveness of school district operations. The district [released audit results today](#) indicating its high schools are falling short of state mandates for student instructional time.

In a news release today, a PPS official indicated they'll use the audit to develop policies to help maximize school instructional time for students.

“All schools districts should follow the lead of Portland Public Schools in conducting regular performance audits,” said Rep. Linda Flores (R-Clackamas), former chair of the House Education Committee. “Performance auditing should be conducted in every school district in the state. It is an important tool to increase accountability in our schools, and make sure our education dollars are being spent effectively.”

During the 2007 session, House Republicans sought to advance [HB 2613](#), a bill from the non-partisan Chalkboard Project to require regular performance audits of Oregon school districts and to promote best financial practices. However, House Democrats blocked this bill from passing.

“Portland Public Schools is the only school district that is actively utilizing performance auditing to increase accountability,” said Rep. Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver), vice-chair of the House Education Committee. “Oregon can do better. House Republicans will continue to pursue education reforms, including mandatory performance auditing, to make sure our schools are preparing Oregon's kids for the future.”

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