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**Representative Janelle Bynum Delivers Remonstrance
Addressing Discrimination in Oregon Schools**

SALEM, Ore - On February 28th, Representative Janelle Bynum delivered a powerful remonstrance on the house floor. Bynum held Oregon's education system accountable for failing to take sufficient measures to protect students. She understands the frustration of other parents surrounding the bullying of students for things they themselves cannot control. "Our children attend school each day worried about the next physical or verbal attack that is targeted at them because of their race," said the Representative.

Bynum shared the story of a West Sylvan middle school student that recently made news headlines. Several Oregon news outlets reported a middle school student was racially attacked by two other students. Raheem Alexzander, father of the victim reported that his son's peers reenacted the George Floyd incident that shook the nation in 2020. He was contacted by his son soon after the incident happened. "It hurt so bad to hear these things coming out of his mouth," Alexzander said. On behalf of the state of Oregon the representative issued a public apology to the father of the victim. In her apology she acknowledged that the father deserved better.

Bynum shared with those at the floor session that this incident is not isolated to Portland, but is an issue experienced by students from across Oregon. She wants to continue to lift up those who need to be spoken for and spread awareness.

Links to the floor hearing and story the victim are listed below

[Father says PPS's response to 'hate-based' attack against son didn't go far enough | KATU](#)

[Oregon Legislative Video \(oregonlegislature.gov\)](#)

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