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House Democrats failed to properly fund students, so they voted to lower graduation standards

SALEM, Ore. – After voting to cut school funding by \$300 million, today House Democrats voted in favor of [SB 744 B](#) which lowers graduation standards in Oregon.

“I worry that by adopting this bill we’re giving up on our kids,” said House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby). “This proposal abandons students who fell behind last year because of government-mandated distanced learning and does nothing to give them an opportunity to recover.”

In March, President Biden’s Education Secretary, Miguel Cardona, [said](#) that student data obtained from standardized tests was important to help education officials create policy and target resources where they are most needed.

Lowering graduation standards now will make it even harder to improve the quality of Oregon’s education for the future.

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