

Subject: SB 819

Dear Ms. Engbring,

I am writing to you today to express my support for SB 819, which would create a more equitable funding system for charter schools in Oregon. Our daughter is in Kindergarten at Portland Village School, a Waldorf-inspired K-8 school in North Portland. The learning environment and pedagogical approach is very well suited to her temperament and needs, and the school as a whole provides a strong community for the approximately 400 students that attend PVS.

Portland Village School provides a valuable educational experience that would not otherwise be available through Portland Public Schools. As a charter school, PVS is also in a position to provide the school district with important data on alternative pedagogy. It is only fair that the students at Portland Village School and the other charter schools in the state of Oregon be accorded the same funding for their education as students in non-charter schools. SB 819 advances the cause of school funding equity, and I strongly urge a yes vote on this important legislation.

Best Regards,
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