

Hello--

I'm writing in regards to SB 819, hoping you will give this bill your true support. I'm the parent of a daughter in 11th grade and a son in 9th grade. We live in the Portsmouth neighborhood, and my children attend Trillium Charter School in north Portland.

Every child who attends a school under the public school district's umbrella deserves an equitably funded education, and our hope is that when students move to charter schools, their funding moves with them.

SB 819 is providing us with an opportunity to invest in education reform. When you think about the last 50 years, a lot has changed. The way we do business has changed, the way we communicate with our community, family and friends has changed significantly. Family structures have changed. The way we eat & think about food has changed. The way we bring children into the world is constantly in flux. The way we raise our children changes from one half-generation to the next. Music has changed. So often we tell stories to our kids to impress upon them "what it was like in our day." BUT, one thing has remained the same: school. The way we fund each child and the way we teach our children is largely the same as it was 100 years ago or more.

Changes in education are happening, and we can stay ahead of those changes. Every public school student should have access to equitable funding, and I hope you feel the same way.

All the best & thank you so much for your service in our community,

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