

Subject: Letter in support of SB 819

Members of the Senate Education Committee:

Please support SB 819. My daughters have attended Trillium Charter School since kindergarten and are now in the seventh and fourth grades.

Our family volunteers and provides some financial support to the school, but our efforts and the efforts of other families (many of whom qualify for free or reduced lunch) can't come close to replacing the funding that is withheld from our school. If our children attended our neighborhood school, they would see higher per-student funding, but by choosing a charter school, we see limited offerings for students and limited capability to compensate staff commensurate with other Portland Public Schools.

Please provide the same funding for our children that other PPS students enjoy.

Thank you,
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