

Subject: Please support SB819, fully fund Charter Schools  
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Dear Representative Frederick,

My son Jackson is thriving as a middle school student at Trillium Charter School in N Portland, where he has been since first grade. But did you know his school receives up to \$5000 less funding per student than district-run PPS schools? Yet he too is a PPS student.

Charter schools were created as a sort of R&D branch for the public schools, with the mission to innovate and develop new ways to educate that can benefit all PPS students. With High School coming just a couple of years ahead, I hope Trillium's innovative High School program will still be available for him, I know the only other charter high school in Portland, the Leadership/Entrepreneurial High School (LEaP High) had to close, the funding shortage was just unsustainable.

Last year his school had an almost total teacher turnover, many great teachers left to better paying jobs at other PPS schools so they could feed their families. Equal funding would allow charter schools to attract and keep good teachers, just like other PPS schools.

This bill would not require any new revenue, it would just shift 3% of the statewide K-12 budget to "follow the students for whom those funds are intended", this would represent less than 1% of the PPS budget. This would ensure that students in public charter schools would receive 95% of all local, state and federal funds, whereas right now they're only receiving about 58% of what students in district-run PPS schools receive.

This is a win-win. Please vote Yes on SB819, and strongly support it with your colleagues!

Thank you for your consideration.

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