

Subject: In Support of SB 819 and 820

Dear Senators,

I am writing to urge your support for these two important bills supporting Oregon Charter Schools. It is simply time to ensure equitable funding for our public school students, regardless of whether they attend a neighborhood or charter school. SB 819 would ensure that my son and daughter, both free and reduced lunch recipients, would have the the same amount of funds allocated to their learning as their peers.

The second bill, SB 820, would allow our school to encourage participation by low income students of color, and is clearly the right choice for creating equal access to an exceptional education.

Thank you for your support.
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“A mind at peace, a mind centered and not focused on harming others, is stronger than any physical force in the universe.” - Wayne Dyer