

Subject: In support of SB 819 and SB 820

Dear Senator Gretchen ,

I am a parent of a child in Second grade that attends Emerson Charter School in Portland. You may already know that Emerson received 58% of the funding that other Portland public schools get. Having been participating and volunteering at Emerson over the last few years, I have been very impressed with how far they stretch their resources. Yet, it is tough to keep talented teachers and updated equipment when the resources simply aren't available. I think Emerson has proved itself a worthy educational institution by getting 5 out of 5 of the state report card and one of only two schools in the district to get 100% on the Oregon ESEA waiver.

I am asking you to pass SB 819 & SB 820 to give The Emerson School the funding it deserves and desperately needs.

Thank you for your time.

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Parent of an Active, Engaged Emerson School Student