

Subject: Please vote yes on SB819 and SB820

Chair Roblan & Committee:

Today SB 819 and SB 820 goes before the Senate Committee on Education. **I cannot stress the importance of passing these measures strongly enough.**

Not only do charter schools serve as a source of new ideas in education for all schools nation-wide, but they serve a population of students that do not thrive in a regular public school.

My two sons both attend Southwest Charter School in Portland and LOVE it. Unlike their time at our local elementary school where they did not look forward to school, they are excelling academically and socially. We as parents are thrilled with the innovative and creative curriculum and the outstanding staff.

Please vote today to pass SB819 and SB820 so that our tax dollars can follow our kids. Our teachers and children deserve the same funding and opportunities that are provided to all district teachers and children.

Thank you very much for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mutal
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