

Subject: In support of SB 819

To The Members of The Senate Committee on Education and my Elected Senator and Representative,

I am a resident of District 23. I am also a parent whose child attends Emerson Charter School in District 17. And I have been involved in many fund raising efforts because charter schools such as Emerson Charter run on significantly less funds than other PPS schools.

I urge you to support SB 819 to increase the funding for Charter schools so that they are not disadvantaged compared to the district run schools. EcoNorthwest cited that, "Oregon public charter schools in 2012-13 received less public funding on a per student basis than their district-run counterparts...42% less funding...\$5,000 less per student!" How can this happen? Why are Charter school children worth less investment than othe PPS school children?

While support for education seems to be high in the legislature please remember that Charter schools are a part of the PUBLIC education system as well and deserve to be funded with EQUAL funds as other public schools. No child is worth less than another. Please end this message loud and clear when you vote.

I look forward to seeing the public charter schools thrive and thank you in advance for your support.

Thanks,
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