

Subject: Support SB 819 and SB 820

Hello Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I'm writing as constituent in District 17, and as a parent whose child attends Emerson Charter School in Portland (also in District 17).

Emerson, as a charter school, receives far less funding than other public schools and yet does a phenomenal job at educating its students. All children, whether at traditional public schools or charter public schools, deserve the same resources for their education, and for that reason I urge you to support SB 819 to provide charter schools the financial support they need to continue to do their work.

I also urge you to support SB 820, which would foster cultural diversity at our schools. Enriching the diversity of schools' student bodies enriches the education of all the students at those schools.

Please support SB 819 and SB 820, and urge your colleagues on the Senate Committee on Education to do so as well.

Thank you,

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