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FROM:

Sauvie Island Academy

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Portland, OR 97231

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these were written (& drawn) by students  
at Sauvie Island Academy in the 1<sup>st</sup>  
through the 8<sup>th</sup> grades

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April 17, 0

Dear Senator Johnson,

Hi I'm Madison Meenusen and I'm from Saavie Island Academy. I have been here since kindergarten and love our school. It makes me feel safe and at home. I have made many great friends that I will go to highschool with. The teachers here have helped me too. And I would really appreciate if you voted for the 95% funding increase for our school. It would mean alot to me and my fellow asosiets. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely  
Madison Meenusen

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Dear Brad Witt

It would mean a lot to every one in my school if you ~~can~~ supported A law that made charter schools 95% of the money that we should get because we only get 80% of the money we need and since the state lost 1.6 billion our school will lose 60,000 to 80,000 dollars around 3 to four positions will be cut like the second teacher in the room for the younger grades and maybe the art or music teacher  
thank you for your time  
Sincerely Etran Johnson Phillips

Dear Betsy Johnson

3/7/17

Hello my name is Griffin and I am a 6th grader at Saurie Island Academy. And I recently heard that we only get 80% funding. I think our school should get 95% it would mean a lot for the school. Why I think our school deserves the extra 15% is because we go on a lot of cool field trips and I would like to keep going on them. We also might be losing assistant teachers and that would be really sad for the school. Hope you consider helping out. ↓

Sincerely, Griffin

Dear Senator Johnson,

Please vote for increasing our funding to 95%. I love our school! I think it would be more fair for us to get similar funding as other public schools. Your support would mean a lot to us.

Also, I really want our assistant teachers to stay. With the recent budget cut, though, they might have to go.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Charlotte

6th grader at Sawie Island Academy

April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Johnson,

Hello, my name is Anna, and I'm a 6th grade student at Savvie Island Academy. I've been going to this school for most of my life and I love it here, our teachers are great and we go on lots of field trips. That might not be able to happen next year because of the amount of money we get.

I was really hoping you would support the increase of funding to 95%. I really don't want to have to let some assistant teachers go. They're really good teachers and really good people.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Anna Mann

April 7, 2017

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

I'm Karishma a 6<sup>th</sup> grader who goes to Savvie island academy. I'm writing this letter to you about increasing charter school budget. It's not fair that our school get less money than others.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely  
Karishma

Dear, Senator Betsy Johnson

We deserve a 95% because we could pay art and music. We can also use it for more book or even new books. With that 95% we can also have a bigger school will help all of us a lot. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, ~~James King~~  
David SOS or



Dear, Senator Betsy Johnson

If would help our School if we could get that 95%,  
we could our Teachers more and we could make  
our School bigger. Thank you... for your time.

Sincerely, A. dan McMullen

Dear Brad Witt

Hi! My name is Grace Anne. I am 13 years old, I go to Sallie Island Academy. I feel we deserve 95% of federal funding because, we could pay for art and music, we could pay more books, and we could build bigger classrooms for the sixth seventh and eighth grade classrooms.

We only have music one day a week and art is an elective. Learning music actually helps minds to grow. It has been proven that kids that take music get better test scores.

Our school library doesn't have as big of a selection of books as other schools. Reading is good for our brains. And the little kids have a very small selection. With the older kids we have a little more but not that much.

We need bigger classrooms for the upper grades because it's very hard to learn in such a small environment. It gets very loud very quickly in here. And we can hear the other

grades learning. It's very cramped and we need more room for words on learning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Grace Anne

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

Our school is a public charter school meaning we only get 80% of what public schools get. Next year we are going to be going through a money crisis. We will be losing around \$70,000.

That could have gone to better pay for our teachers and arts, to make our school bigger, to get the supplies we need, and to keep paying our class assistants. Also we could get better food for the students.

We would like to have our money to be at 95% for the reasons above.

Sincerely,  
A concerned  
Student

Dear Representative Brad Witt, April/7th/2017

I think our School should get 95%, because Music, and Art is very important for kids our age to have. Also books, we need them to be able to learn. Reading is something every kid should know, and without books for Math it would be very hard to understand. Getting 95% of the federal funding would also help us expand our School and actually buy, and own the land we are using, and most importantly our teachers work VERY hard making sure every student understands, and is comfortable with what they are doing. They deserve more money.

Sincerely,

7th grader  
Abby E.

Dear, Senator Betsy Johnson

If we could get the 95% because  
we could pay our teachers more and  
get better equipment.

Sincerely,  
Henry Meshell

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson

4/7/17

I think that charter school deserve  
95% because we could be more cost effective  
and possibly we could make one school worth it.

Sincerely  
Tristan

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

4/7/17

I am a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at  
Sauvie Island Academy. I  
think we deserve 95%  
IF we have that extra  
money we could start a  
football team. I hope you  
consider it.

Sincerely,  
Cash



Dear: Representative  
Bill Witt

You should give our school  
the extra assistance  
Charter schools especially  
our school needs that money  
for teacher ass. Starts and  
better portables or a bigger  
building.

Sincerely

Joaquin Lopez  
at  
Savvie Island Academy

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

I'm Kyra, from Savie Island Academy. Today in class we talked about how the law may change so my school will get 95% of our federal funding. I'm hoping it gets passed because then the school could get more books in our library, probably children's books for the younger grades.

Our music and art teacher could be paid more, it would be so cool to have more time with the music teacher.

We deserve it because soon, we will be experiencing a budget cut. It also doesn't help that we are already currently getting only 80% of our federal funding.

Thank you for sending this letter, have a nice day.

Sincerely,  
Kyra

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson

Hi! My name is Ella. I'm a student from  
Saugus Middle Academy. I think that we should  
get 95% of federal funding for our music  
and our Art teacher to pay them more  
money so we can have music more in  
stead of once a week.

Sincerely  
Ella

4/7/17

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

I think our school should get 0.5% because so we can have more books in our library and we could pay the art and music more. And we could need more staff to help the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kiera Fagan

4/7/17

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

I think our School should get 95%, because we could pay art and music more and get new instruments and supplies. We could get more books for the library and have more interesting things to read. We could also expand the school and get a bigger library.

Sincerely,  
Mara

April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

Hi! I'm a student at Sawie Island Academy in 7th grade. If we got the extra 15% we could pay our assistants, music, and art teachers more. We could expand our school and possibly have more students in the future. I hope you consider letting us have 95% of our money.

Thank you,  
Quinn Export

4/7/17

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

I am a seventh grader at Sauvie Island Academy, a public Charter School.

We deserve 95% of our federal funding because we could buy more books, pay art and music teachers more, and we could get a bigger school.

Our library at our school is very small. We cram all of our books on the shelves. If we had more money, we could expand our library and buy new books.

If we had more money, we could pay our teachers, that teach music and art, more money. Art and music is a very important part of education and the teachers deserve more.

If we had more money, we could expand our very small school, or even build bigger classrooms for the middle schoolers who get crammed into 3 tiny portable classrooms. We could get treated more like middle schoolers.

Thank you for considering my point.  
Sincerely,  
Sophia White

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

My school Sawie Island Academy deserves 95% because we need more programs or even we just need to pay them enough. We only have music once a week, but the kids on my Soccer team talk about guitar, band, playing instruments. Why can't we have that. Why can't we have art programs that are more than 2 days a week. Sometimes on changes in the year we only have math, P.E., social studies, Language Arts and Science. We need more programs. Our school 200 students and we don't have a single sports team. This money can really help us.

Sincerely,

Kira Mahaffy



Dear Senator Johnson,

April 7  
2017

Hi, My Name is Ellie Mann  
and I go to Sauble Island  
Academy, have been since  
Kindergarten, and I'm in 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade now. The school is  
so awesome, most things  
here are fun. I believe, and  
highly appreciate, that you  
should vote for the increase  
to 95% funding. Thank You  
for your time. Please consider

Sincerely

Ellie Mann



Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

Hello I'm Seanna and I think you should increase our funding to 95%. I would be more than grateful if you agreed to increase by 15%. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Seanna a 6<sup>th</sup> grader

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

I think our school  
deserves 95% because our school has  
a lot of library, we can talk  
to our principal, we can talk  
to our teachers, we can talk  
to our parents, we can talk  
to our friends, we can talk  
to our community, we can talk  
to our state, we can talk  
to our country, we can talk  
to our world.

Thank you,

Ayden

4/17/17

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

Our school, Sawie Island Academy, would like to ask for more percent of our funding from Scappoose school district. Currently we are receiving eighty percent of our fund and we are asking for 95% of our funds for staff like field trips and to hire more helpers.

Sincerely,  
Patrick

April 7, 2017

Dear Representative Brad Witt,

Currently, our school only gets 80% of the funds that should be given to us. The rest is given to the Scappoose School District. This has lead to issues with having proper equipment or school supplies.

We are currently in a softball unit in PE and I've had to bring my own glove because we don't have enough. I'm able to do this because I play the sport, but not everyone is.

I believe you should strive to pass this law, because just because I don't go to a large middle school, because I go to a small one with a better community, does that really mean I'm only worth 80%?

Sincerely,

Elle Stephenson, 8th grader  
at Savie Island Academy

April, 7, 2017

Dear Representative Witt,

I would like to tell you why public charter schools (like mine) should receive 95% of their federal funding. Currently, we get 80% and this doesn't feel fair. With 95% my school could go on more field trips and hire more helpers around are school. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Seth Chamberlain

Dear Secretary Betsy Johnson

4/7/17

I would like to tell you why public charter schools (like mine!) should receive 95% of their federal funding. Currently, we've got 80%, and this doesn't seem fair. With 95%, my school could have many more field trips than we normally have, that way we can have so much more fun and learning. The money could also help the teachers, they would get paid a little more, we could even have more teachers to help us around the school. The money could also help us with our iPads that we use, it could help raise our internet, so that way it could help us use the iPads as a learning tool, during classes. The funding could also help get our school into better shape. For the younger grades, it would help them get more math books, supplies, and so much more! The librarian could really use the money to improve our library and buy more books to add to our library. The federal funding would be very helpful and great to our school. It would take many pages more to explain why our school could really use the 95% federal funding.

Sincerely, Jessica Almanza  
8th grade student

April, 7th 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,  
I would greatly appreciate 95% of the budget, rather than 80%. With 15% more percent, we can buy more art supplies, music equipment, PE equipment, maybe some additions to our play structure, more materials in the classrooms, and maybe instead of having 6th-8th in a different building, we can expand the school or get running water in the portables.

95% would really help our school become better than it already is.

Thank you, sincerely, Amanda Taylor



April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

I would appreciate it so much if we could get 95% of the federal funding to go towards better PE equipment, better Art Supplies, and more music Supplies too! We get 80% of the federal funding and it doesn't feel fair. And if we had 95% of the funding I think students would get more out of some of their classes. We could also use the 95% to go towards teacher assistants and that would be great! I think this 95% of funding would really make a difference at our school.

Thank you so much for listening,

Sincerely,  
Audrey

April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

I would like to tell you why public charter schools (like mine) should get 95% of general funding. Currently, my school is only getting 80%. It really makes me sad because we can't afford to have extra teachers in classrooms. We have to let go 3 teachers because of that. I wish all the kids (and teachers) could be given what they deserve.

Sincerely,

Callyn Tindall  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Savvie Island Academy

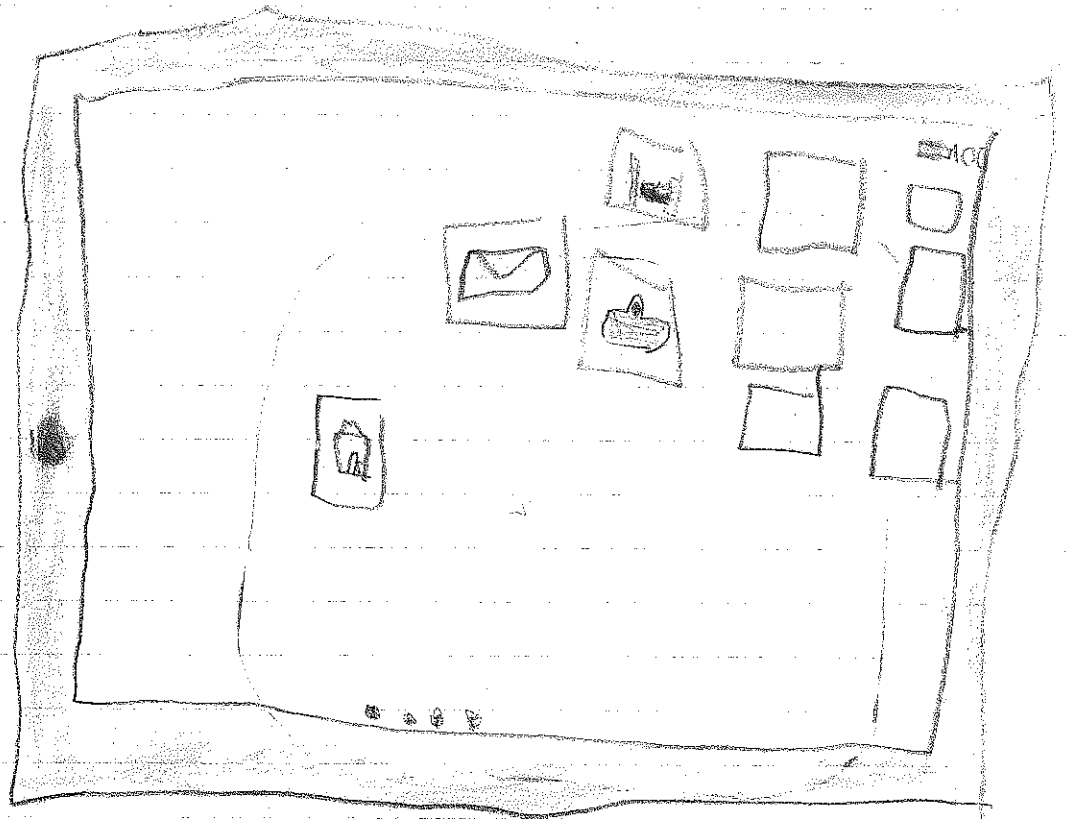
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DEAR Senator Betsy Johnson

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL

YOU That if you pass the law allowing public charter schools (just like sawyer island academy) to receive 95% of their federal funding we could go on cool field trips like going to zoos or aquariums or get us awesome iPads to play games and hear cool new stuff

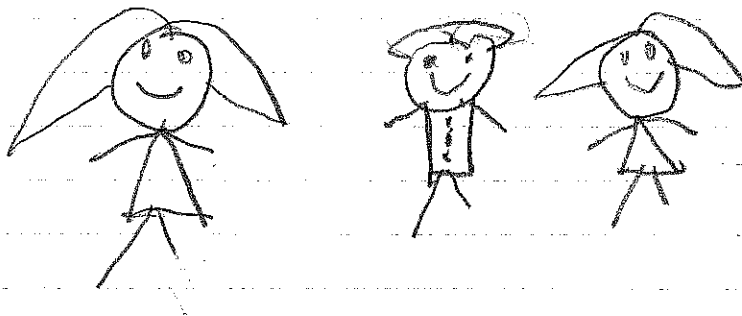
sincerely Sawyer & Garrett



Dear Senator Betsy Johnson, April 7, 2017

We would like to have more field trips at our school. We would want go on hikes or maybe to a pond or lake. Right now, we only get 80% funding at our school, Sawie Island Academy, and we would like to have more. It doesn't seem fair to us. With 95% Federal funding we could also have more Teachers to help us learn. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Sylvia & Zoe



April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

I would like you to know just how much money we are getting right now. Be'cause we only get 80% of while the school district gets 20% of the money. If we had that extra 15% imagine what we could do!

from Tristan and Bennett

April 7th  
2017

Dear Senator Detsy Johnson,

I wanted to ask if you could vote for us so we could keep our T.A's. Not only we would have T.A's we could get more field trips. Our school playground needs a upgrade!

Sincerely,

Levi

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

4/7/17

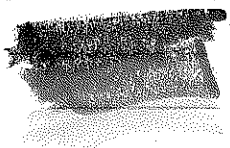
I would like to tell you why public charter schools should receive 95% of federal funding over the 85% we receive now. If we received this money we could get a new bigger playground, and could afford more fun field trips.

Sincerely, Waylon, and Jude

April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,  
We go to Sauné Island Academy and we are writing this letter to request you to help pass a bill that will give our school more funding. We need this funding so we can continue to go on fieldtrips (including the nearby forest). We also need funding so we can learn on the iPads our school has. Without the extra 15% we could be getting some of our teacher's assistants may be cut — very nice teacher's assistants that we like very much. Please consider this when this bill comes up to vote.

Sincerely,  
Talia Richley (3th grade)  
and Georgia (1st grade)



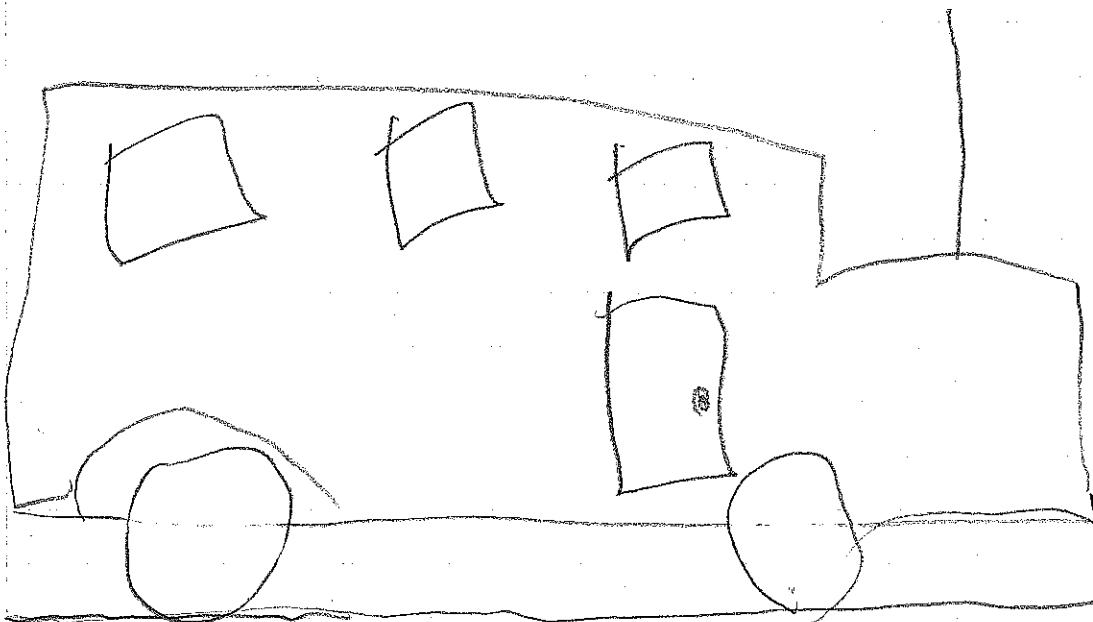


April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson

I would like to tell you why public charter schools (like mine!) should get 95% of their federal funding. Currently, we get 80% and this doesn't feel fair. With 95% my school could go on field trips, get more school supplies and get a newer and safer playground. Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,  
Madi from 8th grade and  
Blake from 1st grade



April 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

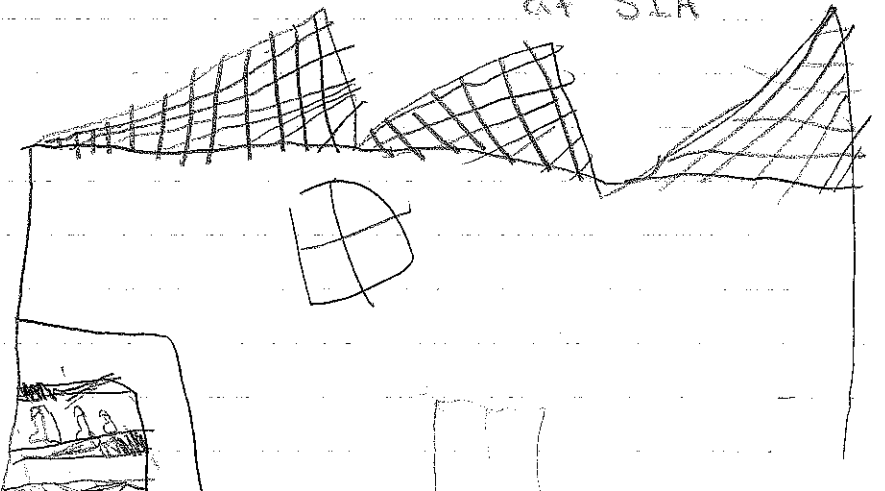
Dear Senator Betsy Johnson

My name is Destiny I am an 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Savvie Island Academy. Money to some people are just pieces of paper and something they can spend carelessly, but to our school it's not just pieces of paper there doors opening full of oportunitais and exciting things like going on field trips or having a garden and having equipment for having time to play escepeially for the lower grades or even playing on the track is fun for them. And having fresh ingrediantis for lunch or if a class decides to make a salad like the first graders did with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The point is 95% of the federal funding and currently we have 80% and it just doesnt seem fair and with 95% our school could be greater then it already is.

Sincerely,

Destiny a  
8<sup>th</sup> grader  
at SIA

Picture drawn  
by Anika a  
1<sup>st</sup> grader at  
SIA



April 7, 2017

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,

I would like to tell you why public charter schools (like mine!) should receive 95% of their federal funding. Currently, we get 80%, and this doesn't feel fair.

With 95%, my school could have more field trips, hire highly qualified teachers, and give them a fair raise.

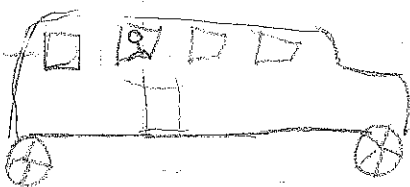
Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,  
Sailor <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> grader

Kapri <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> grader

Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,  
We would like to get more money for  
our school. We would like that so we could  
have more teachers and more field trips.  
For more learning supplies for school such as  
books and more. Right now we are getting  
80% of our federal funding and we would  
like 95%. 80% only going to our school isn't  
fair. Please help us with this so we can  
learn more. Thank you!

Sincerely, Tia



4/7/16

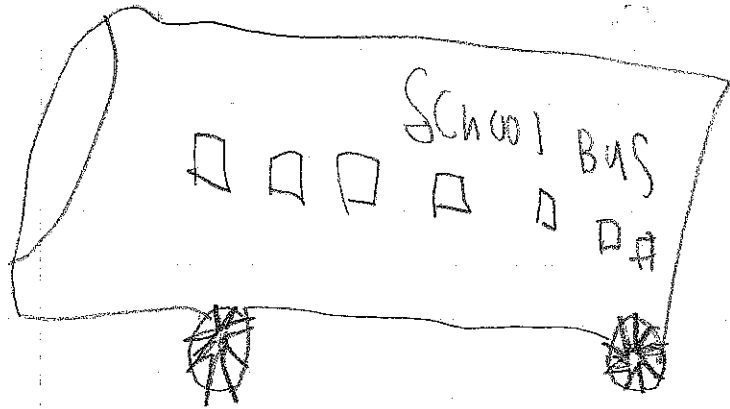
Dear Senator Betsy Johnson,  
One thing that we love about our school is the swing set. I love how we get to go on field trips. I love how we are able to have gluten free lunches.

If Sauvie Island Academy got more money we could get more books, art supplies, teachers. We could go on more really cool field trips.

Sincerely  
Audrea and  
Piper

4/7/16

Dear Retsy Johnson



by piper

Dear senator Betsy

Johnson I would

like to tell

you charter

schools like mine

should get 95%

of funding  
General

Isabel

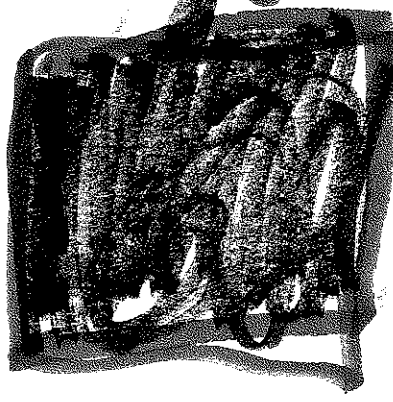
Sincerely,

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April 7 2017

dear Senator Betsy Johnson,  
I like getting to learn with the  
iPad. I like getting more  
field trips we get to  
go to super fun places.

IPad



Bus



April 7 2017

Staten <sup>VOY</sup> ~~CA~~



Dear Senator Betsy,

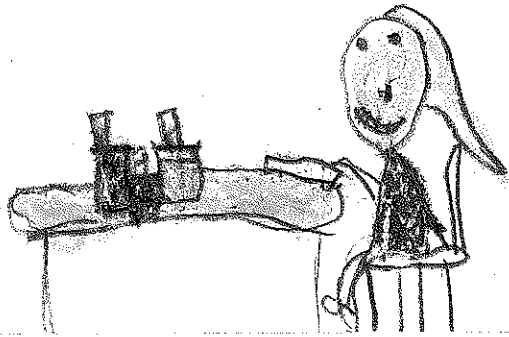
One thing we like about our school is that we get to go on nature walks.

It's ~~also~~ important we get 95% of our funding for more field trips.

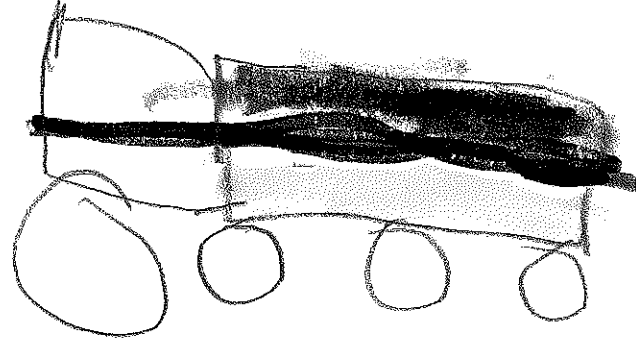
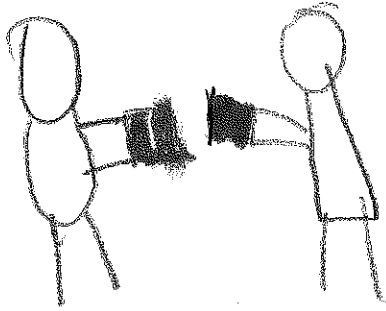
- Keira



Lilly



John



iPad

BUS

# Learning in the garden

