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My daughter attends Baker's Academy early college. Without the flexibility of the college schedule she most likely would not have graduated high school. She has Lyme's disease. She has been able to schedule her day so she has periods to rest, and can start her day later.

She also was able to participate on Bend High School's Equestrian team for 3 years. She did not participate this year due to health challenges. She represented our district at state all three years. Being part of the team was huge in her development of confidence, sportsmanship, and discipline.

She was also able to participate in FFA. This was expensive for our family as the local high school wanted us to pay for the high school agriculture class at Mountain View High School. FFA requires that the student be enrolled in an agriculture class taught by an accredited agricultural instructor. Enrolling our daughter at a high school, in addition to the charter school was an incredibly difficult task. We are indebted to Mountain View's Principal for helping us through this process. The opportunities that opened for my daughter through this program were invaluable. She traveled numerous times to represent the State of Oregon at the National Level. She has spoken in front of crowds of thousands. Her confidence has exploded. The pressure and poise required to compete at this level are intense. Her mindset to overcome health issues is staggering to me. She desires to be part of a team which means putting others first. Her professional development to do her best because she is representing her school, chapter and state is inspiring.

The youth of this nation need to be involved in extra curricular activities. The development of a sense of team, of others, of doing your best, confidence and so many physical and intellectual skill are developed while participating in these events is crucial to the development of a healthy next generation.

Our town is blessed to have exceptional high schools. But my daughter's health would not have allowed her academic success. She physically could not be in school from 7:30-3:00 pm 5 days a week. Baker's Charter School allowed her the flexibility she needed academically. Our Daughter is a member of the national honor society. And thanks to the Principals at Bend High School and Mountain View High School she was able to participate in extracurricular activities that completed the development of a well rounded successful individual.

Our daughter has a number of friends in the next town that are part of Baker's Charter School and the school district there would not allowed them to participate in extra activities. What a loss for those schools to loose driven, positive students and what a loss for those students to not be part of a team.

I hope you will vote so that very student has the opportunity for personal development through extra School activities at their local high school. And I do not believe that this is a one way gain for the Charter School students. I have seen the students at our high school come to understand and accept my daughter. They have seen her struggle and overcome. I believe they have gown by knowing my daughter.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone