

**I am in favor of a Cap increase but not just only by .5 % As LC75 proposes and not just for for a year. Not only is that inadequate but lowering it again after a year when families may decide its a better fit, is not right. I propose a cap increase of at least 5%. There shouldn't be any cap.**

**To show you care about all families and students, I ask you amend and remove the cap.**

**Do you recall back in March when ODE decided to shut down those transfers even if there was room?**

**For some reason ODE they did not want students and families choosing virtual charters in Lieu of what the public schools brick and mortar we're scrambling to do. Teachers were working hard to come up with a new system and curriculums, but the move to stop transfers was not in the best interest for all kids or families.**

**Now we're supposed to believe that yet another new system which includes staggering schedules and multiple bus routes, masked teachers and staff and limited social interaction such as not leaving the classroom for library, PE and music would somehow be superior to all other models of schooling? Parents should be able to choose what school model is best for their family and for their children. If parents work and they can't follow the set public schedule but another program works better for their family— be it private online schooling or other homeschool curriculum or public virtual charter then that's what parents should be allowed to do. I don't understand why certain Democrat legislators and the OEA Union Head, is pushing against increasing the cap on private homeschool options for parents. Do they really think a hybrid model as ODE/OHA have cooked up is somehow superior to other models of schooling that have been around for decades?**

As a school board member I am keenly aware of how many different types of families and students there are out there. The past distance learning model was not a success for the majority. My child is in a public charter school that works for our family. It wouldn't work for all.

I think administrators and teachers have a really hard time right now trying to create a blueprint based on untested guidelines set by OHA and ODE that don't elevate academics or social and emotional well being of students. Unless school reopens as normal in classroom setting parents should have multiple choices.

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