

April 21, 2021

Re: Support of SB 240

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

For two major reasons I urge you to support SB 240, which would remove the cap on the number of students who may enroll in virtual public charter schools not sponsored by their districts.

First, from what I'm hearing in my neighborhood, parents want and need school choice. The numbers support what they are saying: enrollment numbers of new students in online charter schools have increased dramatically, and enrollment numbers in the public schools altogether have decreased significantly. Clearly, parents are not happy with the status quo: they want and need greater flexibility and choice.

Second, because online charter schools receive substantially less public funding overall than the brick-and-mortar schools, removing the cap and allowing more students to enroll in online charter schools will save taxpayers money. That's a good thing, especially for many of us who are struggling financially.

Please vote yes on SB 240—for the sake of parents, children, and taxpayers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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