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Thanks for considering this bill. My daughter has been in online school over 4 years now. Prior to that, we bounced between brick and mortar schools with much pain. Nothing was working for her and it put great strain on our family. With the flexibility and ease of access to online schooling she has flourished and had elevated to getting almost straight A's. I understand online may not be the correct fit for every child, but it must be a open and accessible option for all children. There should not be a quota cap or restriction on this. If the local school district cannot provide adequate services, the option to choose any credited online school in the state should be available to all students. Not just the ones who get there first.

I truly believe some type of hybrid solution is the future of education with local socialization. It's time school districts embrace this coming change and plan for it. Adapt now. It's flexibility will benefit all individual individuals involved and lessen the burden of physical assets needed for brick and mortar.

Thanks!