

Submitter: Kymberlee Lake
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

I oppose SB 767. The requirements of this Senate bill creates an extra and unnecessary hardship on the impossibly difficult situation facing Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School. The school was given an incredibly short notice to acquire and move a facility serving 400 students. The only suitable location they have selected is within 1,000 ft of the boundary defined in this Senate bill.

Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter school is being forced to relocate due to lease termination by the sponsoring district, GBSD

It would be ideal for the school to remain inside GBSD boundaries, but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms the school's choices are limited.

The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary.

As a parent of a student attending Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School, I would like to see an unfortunate situation turned into a positive impact by moving from a rural location that is inaccessible by public transportation to one that opens access for enrollment to underserved, more diverse populations in Rockwood and the surrounding area while also continuing to serve our current families. Greater access & diversity is key components of Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School's current Strategic Plan.

Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years. Our family and foster children have been involved with this school SUCCESSFULLY for well over 5 years. In our family we have students who have had a very difficult time fitting in, kids who have been bullied for things which they have no control over, such as being a foster child, or having a learning disability. Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School has been a supportive and inclusive oasis where my child can thrive and learn. If passed, 400+ Oregon students will lose this supportive educational community and the opportunity to thrive in a school they know. Please oppose passage of this bill.