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On Behalf Of:
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As an employee and previous parent of Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter school I oppose this bill.

My family has been involved in this school since year 2. Both of my daughters attended Lewis & Clark Montessori from k-8th grade. It is because of this school that both of them have had very successful high school experience.

I have volunteered extensively at this school and 7 years ago I became an employee because I see the value of this education.

Our school was surprised to find out in October that Gresham-Barlow was terminating our lease agreement.

That put us in a position to find a 30,000 square foot building to accommodate 17 classrooms. Over 400 children and staff will be effected. There are not many buildings in our current school district that fit the requirements to move an entire school.

Our amazing administrative staff has found a building that we would like to purchase that is less than 1,000 feet outside of the district boundaries.

The relationships that have been built and staff that has made a free Montessori education available will be severely effected by the passing of this bill.

Please reconsider how passing this bill will affect not only our school but other schools that have established themselves in serving the children in our great state.

These children deserve to continue their education with, for some, the only school they have ever attended.