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On Behalf Of:
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My son has attended the Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter school since kindergarten and he is currently in 4th grade. We love the education that Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School has provided. Part of the reason we bought a home in Gresham is so our son could attend this particular charter school. We wanted a montessori education and know this is the best fit for our child. It is important that each child have the option for an education that fits their needs.

Unfortunately, The school is being forced to relocate due to lease termination by our 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 our choices are limited.

The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary. We would like to turn an unfortunate situation 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 a key component of our current Strategic Plan.

Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years.

I oppose this bill.