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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB767

I encourage our Oregon state legislators to support SB 767. As a long time supporter of a tiny Oregon school district (Pinehurst #94), I am alarmed and dismayed that we currently find ourselves wrestling with an unsolicited proposal from a California charter school corporation seeking to establish themselves in our school district. The John Adams Academy (JAA) is waging nothing less than a hostile takeover. They have been clear in their intent, both in their proposal to the district and in their online propaganda: they want to get a foothold in Oregon as a means to spread brick and mortar schools throughout the state. Parasitizing a small district with few means to protect itself is an expedient way to accomplish their goals. They don't care about the education of our local children, but merely in finding a means to invade other school districts in Oregon. I urge you to tighten up the language regarding the establishment of charter schools in Oregon with the legislative "fix" proposed in SB 767. If JAA is allowed to spread unchecked, it could create a precedent of charter schools seeking to privatize Oregon's education system.

Thank you,
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