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Consider that charter schools are not guaranteed space or facilities within the sponsoring school district. For example, at Lewis and Clark Montessori we are being forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, GBSD. The district has not given us alternative facilities and with the current real estate shortage it is extremely difficult to find a building that can accommodate the school.

In this case, we are also planning to move from a rural location that is inaccessible by public transportation to one that opens access for enrollment to underserved populations in Rockwood and the surrounding area while also continuing to serve our current families.

I am opposed to this bill but would submit that if this bill passes, it should also be required for the district to ensure adequate space and facilities for the charter school.