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Letter in response to Senate Bill 767.

I support Senate Bill 767.

Currently there is a proposed John Adams Charter School in The Pinehurst School District, OR. **I do not believe this is a benefit to the Pinehurst School District or the Greensprings community.** The district has endured many challenges to provide a safe, nurturing environment for its students. Sponsoring a charter school outside Pinehursts geographical boundaries will be a distraction from its ability to provide the education it has for over 100 years.

When Pinehurst School District is able to provide upper grade level education with a Charter School, Ashland School District might not be obligated to allow Pinehurst School District residents to transfer in. This will provide only one choice for public education to the Greensprings community, the charter school. **If we lose Ashland School District's educational and extra curricular possibilities(vocational tech programs, advanced placement college credit courses, orchestra, band, theater, debate club, extracurricular sports) for the students of the Pinehurst School District it will be a reduction in educational pathways. This is a detriment to the Pinehurst student body, the Pinehurst School District and the Greensprings community.**

I do not believe the size of Pinehurst School District and our Greensprings Community is able to support a Charter School.

I support Senate Bill 767.

Sincerely,
Ron Garfas-Knowles
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