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On Behalf Of: Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

To Whom it May Concern,

My Children are students of Montessori Charter School . Currently , we are being forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, GBSD. It would be ideal for us 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 and all of my four children have gone to this school. As a parent I have watched and help move the school 3 times at the whim of my kids district. A district I pay full taxes in , even though my kids only receive .80 cents on the dollar at their school , because we enrolled them in a charter school. I have also help fundraise and give monthly donations to try and cover the crazy cost of rent there own district has charged for rent . So very much this bureaucracy is insane and is not beneficial in any way to my family or the families who have chosen this educational path. I am extremely opposed to this new bill. The hoops we have to jump through to give our kids an education that we would not otherwise be able to provide were it not for the people running this school is just too much. I hope you here this as the plea it is intended to be from the people it will actually impact , and oppose the bill.

Thank you, Teresa Betts- Prince