

House Committee On Education
Oregon State Senate
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Our names are Leroy Sanchez and Sandra Sanchez, and we have two Boys that attend the Woodburn Arthur Academy Charter School in Woodburn Oregon. The school has been an integral part of our family as they have been wonderful in helping our children learn and grow both academically and socially.

Oregon public charter school students receive far less funding compared to their district school peers where this funding gap has widened over time and will continue to grow unless we take action. This is why House Bill 3444 is so imperative in ensuring that Oregon public charter schools receive equal funding. It would allow our public charter school students to access local, state, and federal education dollars available to other public schools. We are incredibly strong in our support for HB 3444 as we know our children, school staff, and families are in need of funding to keep our schools open and operating without feeling the burden of financial stress.

We strongly urge the House Committee on Education to hear our voices and support Oregon public charter schools by passing HB 3444 and allowing our children to have the best educational experience possible. More funding would be helpful in fixing old buildings in need of upgrades, accessing transportation services, food security, sustaining essential school supplies, as well as, mental health resources.

Please vote yes on HB 3444

With all sincerity and support,

Leroy and Sandra Sanchez