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At Madrone Trail, we provide a loving and supportive community for our families and students like no other school in our valley can provide. Time and time again we take in students who the standard public schools have left struggling both academically and emotionally. They come to us and thrive and blossom and grow like they never have before. Then our students go on to the standard high schools and continue to blossom after being nurtured through their elementary and middle school years here at Madrone Trail. And yet, our hosting district (Medford School District) is robbing these students of money and providing nearly nothing in return. It is very much a case of taxation without representation. They should be showering us with thanks and extra resources as we are able to do our part to provide a wonderful education to our community in a way that they simply cannot. If we had the money that was rightfully due to us, we could do even more.

Our hosting district wastes millions of dollars in the giant web of expensive administrators, unnecessary bureaucratic expenses, and overpriced curriculum. We can be more efficient in getting state funds to directly benefit the students that they were intended for. Please help us and charter schools everywhere show these hosting districts a better way and ensure that every student gets the funding that our state legislature has designated for them.

Thank you for making this happen!