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Both of my daughters have completed kindergarten through fifth grade at our local public charter school. Through the school, they have received invaluable education, support, and care that they may otherwise not receive at other schools. Our school's families work very hard to fundraise through the year to raise enough additional money to allow the school to purchase much needed equipment, technology, supplies so that they can provide equitable education to our children. Ongoing fundraisers through the year can be quite difficult, as we are repeatedly asking for money from our communities for these fundraisers to be successful. Our teachers donate more money from their personal pocketbooks than they should have to in order to supplement anything that is needed because they love our children so much. As one example, our school has to ask for Kleenex tissue donations because there simply isn't enough money to go around. As a taxpayer, I contribute the same amount in taxes as the families whose children attend traditional public schools, and their children's schools receive more funding. That is simply unfair to the children. I support this measure wholeheartedly and hope that it passes.

Thank you,
Stacia Akers