

House Committee On Education

Oregon State Senate

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Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

My name is Raelynn Knutson, and I am a 7th-grade student at Logos Public Charter School. I am writing this letter in support of HB 3444. This bill would dramatically benefit my school and my future. It would improve in-person classes and allow us to hold more of them. Additionally, it would provide transportation for in-person classes and support our field trips and clubs at Logos.

One of the key benefits is that we would be able to offer more in-person classes. This would enable me to take additional classes and potentially graduate early. There would be more opportunities for extracurricular activities, which would enhance my future college applications. I prefer in-person classes over online ones, and having more opportunities for them would be beneficial.

Another reason this bill should pass is that we could offer transportation services, which would help Logos expand. It would alleviate some of the pressure on parents to transport their children to classes, especially since school days and times vary depending on the grade. For example, if a parent works full-time and cannot bring their child to school, we could provide transportation for that student, ensuring they can attend their classes. This would improve the child's education by offering more opportunities for both learning and socialization.

Furthermore, the bill could help fund field trips and special clubs, such as Mock Trials, which align with my aspiration to become a lawyer. It would also expand opportunities for more clubs and field trips. A greater variety of clubs would create more chances for students to socialize, make new friends, and discover their interests. Additionally, more field trips would benefit those who do not take in-person classes by providing opportunities to connect with peers.

There are no downsides to this bill. It is unfair that other schools receive these benefits while we do not, simply because we do not attend campus every day of the week. I believe I have demonstrated that this bill should pass due to the increased number of in-person classes available to students, the transportation options for those unable to attend, and the exciting clubs and field trips we could have. These are all compelling reasons for passing HB 3444.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Raelynn Knutson