

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 Connor, I am 13, and I am a student at the Valley School. The Valley School offers so much and it has enriched my life so much! The teachers are so nice and meet everybody at the school where they are at. We learn so much, not just school work, but helpful life skills that are only possible because of the different and unique way of teaching.

Being someone who has attended public schools and Montessori Schools, I can say that our charter schools create a mix of the two. I can say from experience that having a smaller student body, and more teachers is a great way to help students learn, and it limits bullying. It makes me sad to see our school have big ideas and plans, and not be able to make it happen because they have to spend all of the money on other supplies that I think should be covered by the state.

The teachers at my school are so nice, and the Valley School has helped me so much. It has been one of my favorite schools I have gone to. I think that it could be even better if the school was fully funded. If we got more money, we could finish the other half of our gym, expand our garden and buy the materials we need for our class. I don't think it's right for our teachers to have to pay with their own money so they can teach our classes.

In conclusion, I think that the Valley School and all the other charter schools deserve more money, so they can keep sharing their light with all their students. I fully support the bill HP 3444, And I am very grateful for you working on this very much prominent issue.

Thank you so much,

Sincerely,

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