

10 years ago, our family chose to pull our children out of our local public school. Why? Because it was no longer a good fit for our children or for our family. We then enrolled in a public charter school that provided access to a variety of challenging curriculums, & virtual and in person support.

My child chose virtual charter school because it best fits their learning needs, but they're unfairly excluded from crucial Student Success Act funding. HB 2583 corrects this by ensuring equal access to resources while keeping funds within Oregon's community-run schools. It's time to support all students.

*The level of education my children have received through our public charter has been exceptional. My second of three girls is graduating this spring and headed to college in the fall. Her oldest sister is in her second year at an Oregon University and is at the **top** of her class. Virtual learning helped teach her how to be a self-directed learner. It allowed her to learn in the environment that worked best for her. It constantly provided the challenges and help that she needed to become an eager and successful learner.*

We are grateful for our right to make the best choice for educating our children and we were committed to the time that it takes to help make that possible. Brick and mortar and virtual schools should be equally supported by Oregon funds.

Thank you, Laura Lay~ Mom of 3, Nurse, Oregon Resident of 40 years.