

Good morning,

Our family would like to submit our support of SB 240 and the freedom for school choice. Our daughter has been enrolled in the Baker Early College Program for two years and will graduate high school in 2021 a few credits short of her Associates Degree. We enrolled her in the program when we found our local school to be lacking in their class options, disorderly conduct by students which inhibited her education, and a mediocre classroom education. Attending Portland Community College has allowed her to jump start her college career and complete the classes that have little to do with her future college major. Where you live should not dictate where your school tax payer dollars are spent. We pay the taxes and should have the opportunity to make choices on where those dollars are spent. We support charter schools and our sons will be attending Baker Web Academy this fall. I urge you to support the bill and give families the freedom of choice in their children's education. The public school system has the potential to lose many families to homeschooling if they are not allowed to attend a charter school. For example, if our boys are not allowed to attend Baker Web Academy because our community has met the 3% cutoff we will be homeschooling to give them an education that the public school is inadequate at providing. All families should have the opportunity to make the choice on where their children best learn and where they will have the most hope for a successful future.

Thank you,

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