

My name is Shawndra Peterson, and I am writing in support of SB 240 and raising the 3 percent enrollment cap on virtual schools. I had heard great things about ORCA and wanted my kids to have a more flexible distance learning experience. I was also concerned about our district's move toward in-school learning and it being required. I am high risk for Covid and was concerned that my kids would be exposed to Covid-19. My kids currently attend schools in a different district than the district of our residence because we are in transitional housing and they prefer to attend their schools of origin. The district of residence has never even met my kids but they have a 3 percent cap and my kids were subsequently denied to transfer to ORCA. Interestingly enough, the district they actually attend does not have a cap.