

To whom it may concern - I am both a K-8 public school teacher and parent. I am in support of removing limitations on percentages of students who can access alternative, charter, and virtual schools outside of their home district. My own daughter was diagnosed with a Tectal Glioma brain tumor at only 4 years old. This diagnosis and the health plan that was put in place to support her meant that a traditional public school setting would not be an appropriate option for my family. Now at 12 years old and in 6th grade I get to watch my child thrive in a virtual charter school that supports her learning style and abilities. The virtual charter school that we are a part of is NOT in our home district. If we were denied the access to this charter school we would not be able to access educational experiences or the supports needed as there is no system set up in my home district for students like my daughter. By breaking down barriers to public education we are supporting the growth and necessary skill development for students all over Oregon, not just based on what is available in a close proximity to their home.