

There are no words to adequately describe how online charters schools have changed my family, but I will try.
In 2016 I had a sad third grader. An incredibly bright, funny, and charismatic third grader who hated school. Who cried every day.
Who pretended to be sick, who straight up refused to go to school.

It's boring, he said.

I hate it, he said

The teachers only help the bad kids, he said.

At the Oregon Charter Academy for the last 5 years he has worked a grade ahead in math and science. He has explored foreign languages, coding, and digital media. He is a Dungeon Master for the schools Dungeons and Dragons Club.

He could not have done those things in our local public school.

We've done work studies, outdoor school days, field trips and factory tours.

He has blossomed.

Last school year we made the decision to enroll his younger brother in kindergarten through ORCA. Today he is a happy and bright first grader reading at a third grade level who does his math with the second graders and studies Japanese.

My online charter kids are THRIVING in this pandemic, there's been zero interruption to their learning. It has been the biggest blessing.

Taking away their right to choose how they go to school would do nothing but hurt my kids. How could I look them in the face and tell them that the federal dollars at stake are more important than their education or their emotional well being?