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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to address this issue. I never realized there was a cap until now which, I think is wrong. It is a pain to get approval from the district to enroll a child in virtual public school program. The district does not want to respond if you can find the correct person to get a hold of. I had this problem first hand. Seems the only reason to put a cap on these virtual public schools is so the regular public schools continue to get money. I enrolled my child in a virtual public school because she was not getting the challenged education she needed. She had a goal to graduate early; to be perfectly honest w/ you, our school district did nothing but hold her back. If a child is smart & has a desire to move ahead of his/her classmates, allow them to do just that. Do not hold a child back. This can be a valuable tool for these young kids. We tell our kids that w/ hard work & dedication, you can do anything. Let this, at the public school level, be part of this. Because I enrolled my child in a virtual public school, she is a straight A student and on track to graduate early. There is no complaints of she's not being challenged enough. There is no bullying or "drama" that goes on like in the regular public school & I don't have to sit in the office & yell at the principal because of another kid bullying mine. We as parents should have the right to choose where we want our kids to get their education. These kids are our future.

Thank you for listening.