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My grandson has been a student who was given an option four years ago to attend online classes as an alternative to in-person education at his middle school. This has been a great learning experience for him, and he has done well. At the beginning of the pandemic, we tried to enroll in Oregon Virtual Academy, but the governor did not permit anyone to have a choice, basically because public schools didn't want to lose students and federal money. My great-grandchildren were forced to enroll in their own public school on-line classes; they did not do well. School districts were not prepared for virtual education. I fully support this bill so families can have a choice.