

## School Competition

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Last Wednesday the Senate passed Senate Bill 767A.

The bill's supporters were straightforward about its purpose. It was to limit the school choices students have to those approved by the local public school districts.

A new charter school was trying get established in Oregon that would not be dependent on the local school districts. The public schools did not want the competition.

It was assumed in the debate that this new school would immediately take resources away from the public schools.

But why? Why would that be true?

We know very little about the school trying to open. I'm sure someone here must know its name, but most of us know almost nothing about it.

Why would we assume that an unknown school would be more desirable for students than the public schools?

The answer is obvious.

Everyone knows that the education quality in our public schools is a disaster. It is hard to imagine a new school that would be worse!

Running a school is very easy to get right. Only a government could get it so badly wrong.

Let's stop supporting an education monopoly and start worrying about the students for a change.