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Senate bill 767 proposes to amend ORS 332.158, and may cause unreparable harm to Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter school, it's students, families, and the surrounding communities it serves. We are forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, GBSD It would be ideal for us to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms our choices are limited.

- The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary. We would like to turn an unfortunate situation into a positive impact by moving from a rural location that is inaccessible by public transportation to one that opens access for enrollment to underserved, more diverse populations in Rockwood and the surrounding area while also continuing to serve our current families. Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years. This bill will have a massive impact on 400+ students, families, teachers and staff. The Senate needs to know that this will impact other well established charter schools across the state.