

Submitter: Heather Battle
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

We love Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School! As a parent of four current Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School students we strongly OPPOSE Senate Bill 767 for the following reasons:

1. We are forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, Gresham Barlow School District (GBSD)
2. While 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.
3. The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary.
4. 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. Greater access & diversity is a key component of our current Strategic Plan.
5. Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years.
6. Our boys have continued to grow and thrive at Lewis and Clark since our eldest son enrolled in 2015. We now have all four of our sons attending. An abrupt closure of their school would be devastating to them and their education.

We ask you to vote NO! On SB 767 for the sake of our children and so many others served by our wonderful Charter school that offers the free, high-quality, public Montessori education that they are all entitled to.

Thank you for your consideration,
Heather and Lucas Battle