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We love Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School!

Our school is being forced to relocate due to lease termination by the sponsoring district, GBSD. It would be ideal for my two children 9 and 7, and their classmates to attend a school that remains inside school district boundaries, but choices are limited given an extremely limited time frame and a lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms.

A proposed new facility is located less than 1000 feet from the GBSD boundary. We support the school in turning 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 current families (greater access & diversity are key components of the school's current Strategic Plan.)

Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years and has had an immeasurable positive impact on our children and family.

Thank you for listening and please oppose Bill.