

Submitter: Sarah Howard
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

Dear Trusted Senate Members,

I would like to provide my personal testimony in opposition to SB767 this bill will adversely impact the charter school my children attended from K-8 and are both now in our local High School. This school houses 400 students and teachers. The education these children receive has produced well-rounded productive young people that are contributing to their local high schools and colleges. Our school Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter school has moved numerous times within the district and has never been a welcome part of the education landscape in the Gresham Barlow School District. The introduction of this bill would force the closure of a well-respected school and leave hundreds of students without the education home they have found comfort in. This timing could not come at a worse time in a climate where students are already behind suffering the results of COVID-19 that include educational catchup and real mental health issues (I have experienced both of these in my own home). This bill is not a bill that puts our children first it is a bill that will be in the business of closing schools. This is not what our children deserve it is not what my vote would be for and it is not what will benefit our future. Please I beg you to not approve this bill and allow our children to stay in the safety of a community they trust.