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My African American son has been going to Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School since fall of 2019. We love this school. They have been forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, GBSD. It would be ideal for them to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms their choices are limited. The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary. They 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 their current families. Greater access & diversity is a key component of their current Strategic Plan. Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years. The positive impact this school has had on my son, my family, and the other kids/families served by this school has been immeasurable.