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We are so grateful for and love our child's school, Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School, and would be devastated if was no longer an option for our child. They are currently being forced to relocate due to lease termination by 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 the choices are very 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 for the community 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 and has been an essential safe haven for our Montessori child. PLEASE don't take this choice away from our family and almost 400 other families who have built a strong, supportive, safe environment for our children thrive.

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