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We love Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School. Our kids have found a place that encourages them to learn at their own pace. They can excel where they have a good knowledge foundation without being held back by those that are struggling. And they can take an extra time with concepts with which they are struggling.

This bill is a way to force the closure of public charter schools by denying them locations within school district boundaries and then forcing them to look elsewhere for a suitable location. Our school was given less than a year to find a new location that would suit the needs of our students. The fact that we found a potential new location is a miracle. Unfortunately, it is 1000 feet outside the school district boundary. Is it really worth taking away a safe place for over 400 students because of an arbitrary line on a map?

Please consider the students that will be impacted by this decision. Our kids love Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School and we would hate to lose it now.