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We love Lewis and Clark Charter School ! Myself as a retired employee and grandparent, along with my husband, of two students! One graduating from Gresham High School and the other from Lewis and Clark this June.

We are sad that the school is being forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, GBSD.  
It would be ideal for the school to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms choices are limited.

The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary.

The school 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 our current families. Greater access & diversity is a key component of the current Strategic Plan.

Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years. And has had a positive impact on our own family as a nurturing and family oriented school community! This successful school community is facing an immense challenge due to GBSD's early lease termination and will be further jeopardized by SB 767.