

Submitter: Nick McCollum  
On Behalf Of: Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB767

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I have two children in Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School, which has been part of the community for over 14 years and has had a positive impact on many children's educational outcome. If SB 767 passes as written, they will likely no longer have a school to attend next year.

The school is being forced to relocate, with very short notice, due to lease termination by the sponsoring district, GBSD. It would be ideal to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms the options are limited. The proposed new facility is located less than a fifth of a mile from the GBSD boundary.

Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School would like to turn an unfortunate situation into a positive one 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 all current families. Greater access and diversity in education should not be hindered. Please vote no on SB 767.

Thank you,  
Nick McCollum