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

As an employee of Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School and grandparent of 2 former and 3 current students, I oppose SB 767. Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School is an integral part of our family. The supports and learning opportunities provided there have maximized my grandchildren's educational potential. The school is forced to relocate due to the lease termination of our sponsoring district, Gresham-Barlow School District (GBSD.) We have a very short timeline to find a facility big enough to house 17 classrooms and staff. While it would be ideal to stay within the GBSD boundaries, adequate facilities to meet our needs are lacking and choices limited. However, less than 1,000 feet from the GBSD boundary is a building that would serve our school community well. Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years and we look to many more years going forward.