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

I, Kelvin Gurr am asking the committee members not pass SB 767. The negative effects on the school, children, and community that is Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School far out weighs the benefits of holding such a hard line on a boundary. There are about 1500 in this community. The school is being forced to move with a short timeline. They have found a new location but the new property is less than 1000 feet from being in the same Gresham Barlow district boundary. The new location near Rockwood would serve a greater community with improved transportation options as it would be far less rural. SB 767 would force the school out of this possible location leaving little options other than closure. I'm asking the committee members see the unnecessary hard line this would draw. The last thing this community and many others need is another obstacle. Pandemic, large amount of folks being homeless, and increase violence throughout the city has many of these kid and adults in a fragile state. This school and it's teachings are an asset to the community at large. Please take a moment to put yourself in the child's shoes and imagine being told your school will need to close due to being less than 1000 ft. from a line you can't see. Now imagine having to say goodbye to those friends and all the supportive teachers that are being relocated to other schools. To lose your support system in adolescence is hard. This doesn't have to happen. Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you for listening,  
Kelvin Gurr