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On Behalf Of: Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB767

I have gone to Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School for 8 years and have already graduated. My time there were probably the best years of my life and I loved my teachers. To see the school that gave me so many happy memories lose its funding from GBSD because it is just a hundred feet outside of the district border would be horrible and I strongly oppose this bill. The timing for this bill couldn't be worse, seeing as Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School is searching for a new school building due to their lease ending. I have no doubt that there are other schools out there that will be deeply impacted by this bill, not to mention teachers who may lose their jobs due to schools no longer being able to pay them. Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School teaches over 400 students and will create incredible lifelong memories for many students.

SB 767 will do nothing but negatively impact small charter schools like ours. It will affect the students who attend these schools, and the staff, who work hard to make these years truly magical for the kids.