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On Behalf Of: Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School
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Our children go to Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School and we value this community very much. Our school has been forced to relocate due to the lease termination by the sponsoring district, Gresham Barlow School District (GBSD) needing the current location.

It would be ideal for us to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms our choices are limited.

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

We 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 our current Strategic Plan.

Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years and has truly made a difference for so many families.

This school is a model of a school community, and we would love to stay a part of GBSD.

Thank you for your consideration,
Valerie