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We love Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School. Our school has been forced to relocate due to lease termination by the sponsoring district, GBSD.

It would be ideal for the school to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms building choices are limited. The proposed new facility 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 school's current Strategic Plan. Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years. Having this alternative Montessori education option has been key to success for both of my children. Our family does not want to lose this option due to building limitations and laws that restrict locations of schools.

Please consider the impact on these children and families from such a blanket limitation.