

Submitter: Erin Lemon  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB767

To whom it may concern,

This bill will displace many children at our local charter school, Lewis and Clark Montessori charter school. Our children have found a home at LCMCS these past 8 years. We were asked to move locations a couple of years ago and the community came together to move the entire school, which was a big change for the students.

Then, covid hit and our children had to navigate online Montessori education, which was not small feat. They finally returned to school in person and were reconnected with their community last year. Life has just started to seem a bit "back to normal," and then we learned the school district is again asking us to move our school because they "need the storage space." So the district is again displacing children (in favor of storage space). These are actual children who's lives are greatly affected. The only locations that appear to be viable options to move to will be null and void by the language in this bill. My daughter came home traumatized today with this news. She just cannot believe that our governing agencies, who are supposed to serve and protect, would evict and put an end to the school and community she has known and loved since kindergarten.

Please, we beg, reconsider this bill in light of the children who are affected. They have been through so much and this would be just devastating for them.

Thank you,

Erin Lemon