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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

Dear Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the committee, I am writing to you as a board member of the Siuslaw Valley Charter School dba Whitmore Classical Academy. I ask you to please support HB3444. as a board that has struggles for the last 3 years just to get Whitmore classical Academy open by this Sept, it is very important to us that we receive the maximum amount of funding that you can give us. We plan a Classical education that will emphasize; integrity, character, civic values, critical thinking and will teach a traditional curriculum with emphasis on the great American experiment.

It has been shown that one size does not fit all when it comes to educating our children and parents should be able to choose the school that best represent their goals and values for their children. Since public Charter Schools are funded with local, state and federal dollars for which the parents have already paid, it is paramount that they receive good value for their money. Charter schools can meet that need.

Thank you for considering, HB344 and then voting yes on this very important issue. It is the defining issue of our time as public education is under fire for the less than successful job it has been doing. The public Charter school can help give children the advantages and the education they need to become good citizens and successful people.

With Respect, Donna Heinen, Siuslaw Valley Charter School board member