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My 8th grade daughter attends Redmond Proficiency Academy. The decision to send her there was because of how crushed she felt while attending the public middle school. My daughter is a high achiever who strives for 100% in every class. She is self motivated with school; it is very important to her to do well so she can reach her goal of becoming a medical professional. While attending the public middle school she was overwhelmed with the amount of home work each night, often spending until bedtime working hard, and some nights even longer. She also felt very unwelcome, unaccepted, and unwanted by her peers. She is a shy person by nature, schooling from home during the pandemic affected some children's academic abilities, while it affected other children's social abilities. RPA has helped my daughter to feel welcomed and valued again. She has gone from feeling depressed and unwanted to feeling successful and empowered to make friends. She is flourishing in her academics and has teachers that are genuine and caring, she has friends that encourage her. We are so grateful for RPA! Families should have the right to make a choice of where to send their children, and not have their hands forced because of a lack of resources at charter schools. Charter schools are still held accountable for the same standards and requirements as traditional public schools, yet given less funding. Often times the people who work at charter schools have many responsibilities in order to cover all of the necessary requirements. Teachers at charter schools are caring and passionate about what they do. They want to help children succeed, and traditional public schools are not the right answer for every child, especially post pandemic. Please pass this bill so charter schools can still provide the love and care that children like my daughter need to succeed. Thank you.