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The first school I went to was a Japanese charter school. It was a school I very much loved, but as I got older and I left the school, I started to get depressed, as all the people that I met there, I'm no longer in contact with them. Then I went to Spencer's butte. At that school people were like metal walls, I did not stand a chance. The amount of verbal bullying at that school was nothing like I have seen. But the bullying got so bad that I left the school to join Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter School.

When I came to this school I felt included. People laughed at the things I said and wanted to be friends with people, not just me coming up to them. This is the first time in my life I have seen so many people talking with each other as if they were all friends.