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On Behalf Of: Gresham Arthur Academy
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

To whom it may concern,

I believe in the education of having access to smaller school. I fully believe if we were not at Gresham Arthur Academy both my kids would have been lost in certain areas. I have seen both my kids learn to read at such a young age as opposed to bigger school where I believe they would have fallen through the cracks. I have seen help for my daughter with her disability in ways I am not sure it would have been caught.

As a parent of an Oregon public charter school student, I am writing today in support of House Bill 3444. HB 3444 will fix a deep disparity currently happening in Oregon schools. Over the last ten years, charter enrollment has gone up, but funding relative to enrollment has decreased. Public charter school students are public school students, and it's past time to fund their education fairly.

Please vote yes on HB 3444.

Thank you,
Crystal Sweeney