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I have three sons who have attended Gresham Arthur Academy. Two are currently still attending (1st and 3rd Grade). My wife and I have been pleased and impressed with the small staff and the community generated by the Arthur Academy system. In fact, we had the opportunity to move them to Corbett Elementary School this past year, but decided against it due to the familiarity the faculty has with our attending sons. Both sons have IEPs for speech and one has Type 1 diabetes, and we have a great working relationship and trust the school.

I find it impressive what they can do with the funding they have, yet I find it inequitable that my sons have to learn and be taught at a financial disadvantage simply because the teachers aren't part of a unionized faculty, and rent space from a community church.

The Arthur Academy displays a capability to manage limited funds to maximum effect, and it should be studied by general public school districts for their ability to educate and be good stewards of limited funds.

Due to this, I am writing in support of HB 3444. They do more with less, and have earned an opportunity to show what they can do with more.

Respectfully,
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