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Hi folks,

If corporate kicker funds go to the State School Fund, all schools benefit from the transaction. If the kicker funds go to the State Facilities Fund, an important subgroup gets excluded: the charter schools. Let's be clear, the School Facilities Fund, only helps school districts, and completely ignores charter schools. If you hear of districts struggling with getting bond measures passed, think of how challenging it is for schools to pay for facilities developments and improvements out of their prorated state school fund allocations. (80% for K-8 schools). If the State of Oregon really wants to address about pay equity and adequacy for school staff, let alone concern for facilities' funding, the drastic underfunding of funding of charter schools is a ripe source of inequity.

My opposition is really a request for that the School Facilities Fund provide funding to the schools that are truly struggling with facilities, the charter schools, and that the funding formulas for charter schools be revised as per HB 3444.

Thanks for all of your work

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