

School Board,

Dear Oregon ~~Senate~~,

Hello my name is Gyllian Mullen and I am an eighth grader at Sawvie Island Academy, but ~~before~~ when I was a kindergartener at Sawvie Island Academy, it wasn't an academy. In my fifth grade year, Sawvie Island School became Sawvie Island Academy. I was really nervous because my old school that only had about 90 students, ~~there~~ were adding on another grade and a lot more students. The 90 students at our school turned into 200. I thought it would be really scary, but I made so many new friends. **Most** ~~of~~ of my friends didn't even live on the island. As a student who already went to our school, I automatically got a spot at our school, but even island students who didn't go to our school before SIA ~~also~~ wrote the charter, still had a better chance at getting into SIA than non island kids. If I wasn't going to SIA and had to go to the Scappoose School District middle school, I wouldn't be able to do half the things I do. I would ride in a car or bus for a half an hour, maybe more, instead of just walking to school. I would have a harder time going to all my other activities like acting, which is in North west Portland. I wouldn't be able to participate nearly as much as I do in school now and my parents surely wouldn't volunteer at the middle school as much as they do at SIA. Even my friends have benefited from having a friend who lives on the island. I can't tell you how many times there was an event after school and they couldn't go because ~~through~~ their

Parents were working, or it was too far away, or they wouldn't have a way to get home and they would just stay at my house. We need an even mix of island and non island kids at our school. You meet new people and find out new things out about them. Island kids have a lot to offer our school. Parent ~~volunteers~~, volunteers, and student diversity and information about the island. It's a chance for students who live on the island to learn what their community on Sarave Island is like. That's why we have Sarave Island Academy. The students who live on the island should get a better shot at getting into SIA because it's their neighborhood school in their community. It's an amazing thing living on the island and going to school on the island. Please don't take that away from these kids. Thank you.

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of their world's time a way to get home was
hard work, not just of my house. We used an
over my at school and was always late if we
didn't go with people and had to run
there out with them. I think this was a lot
is often for school. Parent-teacher relations
was always difficult and uncomfortable about the
school. It is a shame for students who are on the
way to know what time committed to make school
in the first place we have some things that
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