To the members of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Student Success;

Regrding: House Bill number HB 3427 - *Please include these comments in the official record for HB 3427.*"

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- Not enough time to meet and collaborate with classroom teachers.
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- I haven't had the "luxury" of taking one lunch break this year. My work demands are so great that I can't forgo that 30 minutes without working.

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materials.

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There are so many more reasons why we need adequate funding - and just as many positive outcomes that will result **IF** we receive stable and adequate funding for our schools! Our future depends on it!

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