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"The moral test of government is how it treats the children, the aged, the sick, the needy, and the handicapped". Hubert Humphrey.

Children who have disabilities greatly need full funding for their education. For them learning for them can be slower and more difficult. It is expensive to provide for all their needs. They deserve the best our educational system can provide them.

My granddaughter, Zinnia Wagner, survived brain cancer at age four. She received surgery, brain radiation and chemotherapy at four years old and continues, as a fourteen year old, to struggle with academics especially as she gets older. She can learn but it takes a lot of extra one-on- one help and extra time for her to understand what is being taught. For her to be successful and independent as an adult, she (and many other special ed students) require full funding for their education. It is the moral test of government to treat our children with the best education that can.