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To whom it may concern,

I am a speech language pathologist in Beaverton School District. We bargained for caseload caps this year to no avail and we are frustrated and feel disrespected to say the least. While the district is working on developing a workload model, they are not considering our recommendations for an appropriate value for 1.0 FTE.

Without caseload caps, there will continue to be quick turn-around of burnt out SLPs and students not receiving the quality of the services they deserve. This year I have been serving an average of ~65 students and case managing for ~30. In addition, I typically have 10-20 evaluations open at any given time and in the Spring I will be required to facilitate transitions for 25 Early Childhood Services. I would recommend a caseload cap of 50 and case management cap of 20.

I would love to be able to take a lunch break and spend my non-contract time enjoying my personal life instead of completing paperwork at home. Thank you for considering our needs!

~Grace Katzke