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I am a Learning Specialist for the Beaverton School District in the Special Education Department. Every student deserves a quality education, and special education teachers play a critical role in making that happen. But for students to truly thrive, the system must support the educators who work tirelessly on their behalf. The weight of ensuring students get the support they need should not fall solely on teachers. There has to be adequate staffing, resources, and manageable caseloads so that special education services can be delivered effectively. I want to continue in this career, because I love my students and my job, but I do fear of the burnout and not being able to manage my well being and be an effective teacher, especially with rising caseload numbers.