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I am a teacher in Oregon public schools and have children in public school as well. I have first hand experience on the impact of an increasing special needs population with fewer resources. Because special needs children with very extreme behavior are being included in the general classroom, it can make for a huge safety issue. I have seen increasing violence in our schools over the last few years. The schools are not safe. How can any of the students learn? No wonder our test scores are at the bottom nationwide. The teachers cannot teach if they are constantly worried about keeping the rest of the class safe from students with extreme behavior. There needs to be more support for special needs students. This will benefit everyone!