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Hello,

I am a parent to a child with disabilities who attends public schools in Oregon. While we have had support in schools to varying degrees, with dedicated special education staff, we have also had to support our daughter through a principal's refusal to provide paraeducator support ("because it's too expensive") in one district; shortened school days, being switched mid-year to a different teacher's classrooms (which led to a period of school refusal), and suspensions due to behavior that stems from her disabilities in another district; and the denial of an inter-district transfer request in the district she currently attends on a tuition-basis (because of budget cuts, only in-district students with disabilities are being accepted into the focused classroom she currently attend for the upcoming school year). Navigating public school for our child has always been stressful and challenging. Schools should receive ALL the funding they need to support students with disabilities.