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My daughter is in second grade at Capitol Hill Elementary. The cohort of 2nd graders that she is in has had overwhelming behaviors that impact the teachers ability to teach and causes stress for the other students. Her cohort has been split into three groups to lessen the numbers in each class so teachers have more opportunity to disperse students with behavioral issues. I have been informed that next year this cohort will lose a teacher and be combined into two classes of 33. This does not seem like it is setting up both the teachers and the students for success. I am concerned that with these class sizes teachers will not be able to address behaviors and teach core content.

Please increase school funding to provide the education that our students deserve.

Thank you,
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