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Our children and the families you represent need you to stand behind education and fully fund our schools. My children attend a Spanish immersion K-5 Title I school in the PPS school district. As a Spanish Immersion school, my daughters have both had three non-English speaking students join their class this year. I see the teachers and faculty show up for work day after day, expected to accomplish the impossible! How can one teacher with 30 kids possibly teach a classroom with so many varying needs? My daughter's 3rd grade class has such a range of students many can't read or do basic math on the other end; some are proficient in reading and math. How can we expect one teacher to provide the support these students need? Our kids deserve access to the education and services they need to thrive!

The burden of accomplishing the impossible should not fall on the school and teachers; it should fall on our elected officials to figure out a way to provide proper funding for a critical component of our government: public education!

Thank you for your time and consideration.