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I have been a school psychologist for 35 years, and in those years, we have consistently been understaffed. Positions have not been allocated to meet the NASP recommendation of 1 psychologist for 500 students. I presently work in a middle school setting of almost 800 students, and my days are long and overly busy. There is just not enough of me to do all that needs to be done to adequately meet the educational, social, psychological and academic needs of students in public schools. The failure of our political representatives to meet the many needs of public school students is demoralizing. Many in my professional resort to the private sector in order to have favorable caseloads. The burnout rate is growing. Please do all you can to support school psychologists.