

Written Testimony

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EL Funding

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In my seven years of education, I have always worked with the EL "cluster" in my school. I work closely with the EL teacher. Both our EL students and EL staff are not receiving the support that they need. Our EL teacher has a large caseload and the needs of our EL population are high. We need more funding to support those students. The same applies to special education. We need more funding for more teachers and more support in the classroom. Our special education students are struggling and a lot of them have lost para support. These programs need to be fully funded to support teachers, paras, and most importantly students.