

Dear Chair Richardson and Education Committee Members,

As you consider House File 965/Senate File 1210, please know that the passage of this legislation will positively impact the education of my daughter and many children just like her that have special education needs and developmental delays.

My daughter Aviana seriously struggled with remote learning over the past school year. She has a rare genetic disorder that impacts her ability to communicate and process information, remote instruction was a complete and utter failure. While her teachers and aids tried in earnest to provide instruction virtually, she digressed in her education and abilities.

Aviana did not want to participate, to the point of crying because she wanted the google meet to stop, her frustrations were so high. It was troubling for my wife and I to see our daughter digress, and nothing we could do about it.

This bill will provide critical funds to recovery services that will provide my daughter increased in person education in the hope it will make up for all the classroom time she missed. I am pleading with the committee to please pass this bill, because my daughter and many children just like her need additional help in the hope they can catchup.

Thank you,

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