

Dear Sirs:

I would like to state my dearest desire to keep edchoice in effect. My daughter goes to school at Miller Ridge Elementary in Middletown City School district. Middletown City School district has consistently rated low, this year being no exception. My daughter is in second grade and has had the worst year. Her teacher, and her school are failing her. She is ridiculously smart, reads at a letter O reading level, her math skill are above average, and yet she is labeled a high risk student because the MAP testing. She has anxiety, and problems sitting still. She is exactly like me, and doesn't perform well under pressure. The teacher, school, and school district are so focused on her MAP scores they they have forgotten that she is a 6 year old girl. That she needs to be challenged, not told she is a failure or is high risk. After several meetings with the school, and begging her doctor to put her on a 504 plan, just to get her some extra wiggle time, I want the option of sending her to a private school. A school where the teacher to student ratio isn't 26:1. Where they will be doing weekly evaluations on her learning, not 90 minute trimester MAP testing. I want my child to be given the best opportunity, and can not afford private school. My husband and I make too much money for financial aid, and not enough to send 3 children to private school. I want her to be a 6 year old girl, not a high risk number. I know she is a good child, she is bright and needs the opportunity to blossom. Not be just another statistic in the eyes of the failing public school system that we live in. Parents should have the choice on where to send their child. Children shouldn't be a statistic, they should be given the chance to bloom, to grow, and to learn, without fear of failing, without fear of being high risk. A 6 year old, who can read Harry Potter, who can write in cursive, do 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction, who can tell time and handle money, should not be labeled by a test score and be written off and a bad smudge on a record. She should be given the chance to prove herself in the environment that best suits her needs.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone