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My daughter is a care giver and she loves her job. Unfortunately, as she gets older and prepares to be on her own, caregiver wages will not allow her the income she will need to provide for herself. She is a great caregiver and she really cares about the students in her classroom. It hurts her heart to even think about leaving her position and leaving the staff even more short handed and the students in danger of having to leave the school to go somewhere else. We can only hope that some day soon her wages will be increased so she can continue to give excellent care and love to these vulnerable people and so their families feel comfortable knowing that their kids are in the best hands available. It's an unfortunate cycle that leaves these kids and their families in a really bad spot as they look for but cannot afford the care their kids need.