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Mr. Hogan,

My husband is currently stationed in Oregon as a recruiter. The public school district that our children are in is currently in a strike. We have been keeping them home due to the issues that have been happening in the schools during this time. This strike is like the cherry on the top of all of the problems we have had since we moved here with the public school system.

I am desperately searching for some help in getting my children back up to speed with where they were before we moved to Oregon. My children have never struggled in school and have always gotten very good grades. Since we have moved here they have learned less and are behind their friends in Washington state where we came from.

I am concerned that when we go to our next duty station in 1 year that my children will be so far behind the rest of the kids their age that they will be overwhelmed and do even worse. My children are in 6th and 7th grade. My 6th graders class is doing 5th grade math work according to the "core standards" that the state of Oregon follows. This concerns me because this indicates that the entire 6th grade is behind in their math.

Neither of my children are special needs.

If you could help us in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Heather Figueroa