## House Bill 2419

Please consider passing House Bill 2419! As a parent of a child designated as Talented and Gifted, I see first hand how little resources are available to meet these kids' needs. My child was tested and designated in the 2nd grade, and then that was it! Nothing more. No meetings, no programs, no pull-outs, no customized education plans. I actually started to wonder if I had imagined the whole thing to begin with.

These kids (as all kids) are our future. They have special needs and need to be stimulated and to work at their own pace. Without those things, these kids can get bored, and start to have behavior issues in the classroom, even leading to dropping out. We want these kids to succeed to the best of their ability, just like we want all our kids to succeed! Applying additional funding to meet the needs of students designated as Talented and Gifted would be an incredible investment - one that would pay dividends down the line as these kids learn and grow and become part of our highly skilled workforce.

Please vote yes! Thank you,

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