

I was so excited to read about House Bill 2419. I have four children in our school district, one of which is TAG. Having a wide range of strengths, weaknesses and abilities, I can more easily recognize the ways that my TAG students' needs differ from others. With budgeting of such concern, our TAG kids have not been getting the support or education that they need to thrive. While our district says it supports *all* students, this subsection is consistently left wanting. My dedicated, 8th grade daughter has already recognized that the district doesn't care about her needs because she is already passing the required tests. This funding will go a long way in showing our kids and the administrators that they do matter and that it isn't all about minimum test scores. It will also help remove the roadblocks that parents face with administrators when advocating for our children. Most importantly, it will provide a way for our kids to get the support that they need to work at their full potential.

Thank you for your support of House Bill 2419. I believe that our schools should be a place for *all* of our children to thrive. I hope that the passing of this bill will demonstrate that the Oregon legislature does as well.

Sincerely,
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