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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Our children deserve the attention that they need to succeed in school. Class sizes need to be down to 20-25 students. We need more mental health counselors, restorative justice programs, and art and music programs to provide better outlets for children to deal with their anger. Challenge Day programs need to be in all our school to teach children healthy ways to deal with their emotions. Children need to be accountable for their actions, and be taken out of the classroom when they are destructive to other children and teachers. Our teachers need more training in trauma intervention and emotional support to their students. Our teachers are not equipped to handle trauma intensive students, and they shouldn't have to.

Also more involvement with DHS to partner in our schools to handle the most trauma involved students would be a big help in allowing time for the teachers to teach and not have to handle discipline all of the time.

Sincerely,  
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