

Hello,

I sat through a meeting yesterday as slide after slide was presented to us with the burdensome budget cuts.

Seeing all these positions: Adaptive PE, ELL, MYP, PYP, LITT, etc. was unbelievable. I was a Substitute Teacher for many years in all types of classrooms. I know how excited kids get for adaptive PE. I know how vulnerable our ELL population is and how much they need a facilitator, and I know how hard it is to go without an IA for a day because we can't afford to pay for a sub. In my own classroom, I rely currently on our LITT teacher to help with innovative lesson plans. Going forward, I don't even know if I'll have my own classroom anymore. I may have to revert to subbing again, since I was one of the last ones hired. I know we need good subs and I'm happy to do it. But, the burden is falling on teachers who will no doubt become beleaguered and our students who will have to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Please Pass HB 3427. It's imperative.

Thank you,

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--Currently reading "*Small Great Things*," by Jodi Picoult.

"One full year of a child's K-12 education is taught by substitute teachers" --National Substitute Teacher Alliance.