

I have taught for over 30 years as a classroom teacher in K - 8, a specialist, PreK, and at the University level. Education is changing . . . for the worse.

Students are coming to school with more mental health challenges, less family support, and many are dysregulated. Expectations of teachers AND students continues to be raised every year. The disruptions are few and frequent and are often accompanied by a threat to safety for everyone. It prevents students from learning and prevents teachers from teaching. When class sizes increase, the problems increase exponentially. We need education to be funded.

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