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Due to my experience this year, I feel it is unfair for the school to have all the say. The school district that my grandson lived in had failed him 1st-3rd grade so he was removed from the school and my mother homeschooled him. We lost my mom to cancer therefore he had to return to public school this school year. The school school again was failing him to the point of frustration on all ends. With no success, I tried to get the school to release him so he could attend virtual school outside the district. It got worse and my grandson started acting out. He then got himself expelled and banned from the property. They still refused to release him. We had to literally move him to a different school district to accomplish our goal.

Forcing kids by law to attend school then forcing them to remain in a failing environment isn't right. If the school is failing your child, you should not have to keep them there to fail entirely. If the school is over it's 3% I feel the school should be looked into by the state to figure out why they are losing their students. Clearly there is a problem with the school district. Our kids, our choice!!!

Thank you

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