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Our school needs more staff and higher wages. The kids and special ed kids I work with are are not in safe situations and not getting their needs met due to a lack of available staff. Staff and students are not safe because special needs kids bring violence to the classroom. School violence in a classroom is not acceptable for any reason. Teachers are looking for other jobs due to disruptive learning environment. I am looking for another job because I can earn more at a grocery store and be in a more safe work environment. Our schools need more funding to address the mental health needs and lagging academics created by stressful pandemic we all just went through.