

Submitter: Kate Thompson  
On Behalf Of: my grandchild  
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My granddaughter was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor at the age of 4. We were told that the treatment required to save her life would negatively impact her cognitive function. She has done well in many areas of learning, but reading is a particularly difficult challenge. She is easily overwhelmed in a regular classroom, but does quite well when instruction is paced at the rate at which her brain can assimilate new information. When confronted with cognitive overload, her brain becomes "blows a fuse" and she cannot take in any more information. She has so much potential when given optimal conditions for learning. Please remember her strong desire to learn and be a productive citizen by supporting more funding for special education.