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The last two years of teaching have been the most difficult in my 18 years teaching in Oregon. There are many more students with higher needs than in the past in my classroom and less support to help these students (to the point where several students require and educational assistance for the entire day). It is overwhelming to say the least. Many of my slightly below benchmark students do not get as much small group or one-on-one time as before due to these students with higher needs. It is also much more difficult to extend and enrich talented students because so much of our time and resources are used for the students with higher needs. It is really important to fund education so more support staff can be added in order to better help these struggling students.