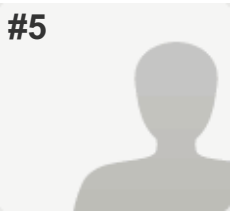


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**Q1: Please enter your first and last name.**

First Name

Christina

Last Name

Goff

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**Q2: Comment:**

Dear School Funding Committee Members,

I am writing to you to express how important the special education services are that my son, Kyle, receives at Highlander Charter School. Were it not for the availability of services such as speech therapy and occupational therapy, Kyle (who is a high functioning autistic boy) would not be the bright and engaging second grader that he is. These services help Kyle get on the same playing field as the typically developing children, allowing him to take advantage of the high quality education that Highlander Charter School provides. They say "It takes a village to raise a child." I put to you that it takes a village to educate a child and that village starts with the parents. It used to be that teachers were usually enough to fill that village. However, in an age where the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 1 in 6 children has a developmental disability, we need teachers and specialists to fill that village. Every child deserves the chance to get a good education and become a productive member of society. Without funding to continue offering these services, you are cutting off as much as 17% of students from having access to that education. How do we convince children of the importance of a good education when we are not willing to invest in their education. It will take involved parents, committed educators, specialists and yes money to do this. Please join us and become a part of every child's "village" allowing all children the opportunity to obtain a good education.

Sincerely,

Christina Goff

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**Q3: By submitting this comment, you understand and acknowledge that your name and your comment will become available to the public as part of the public record.**

Yes, I understand that my name along with my comment will be part of the public record and will represent me when shared or posted online.

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