



Parent Advocacy Consortium (PAC)

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Dear Kirwan Commission,

The Parent Advocacy Consortium (PAC) is a grassroots organization of parents of children with disabilities. Our mission is to promote and protect the civil rights of our children.

In addition to our previous concerns presented to the Commission, we strongly urge the Commission to ensure that Local Education Agencies (LEA) are required to maintain current spending for special education through including a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) provision within the special education funding formula weight. All too often LEAs fail to prioritize equitable outcomes and high expectations for children with disabilities. We hold significant concern that without a MOE provision LEAs will redistribute spending currently allocated to special education and outcomes for our children will continue to remain well below that of their nondisabled peers. Our children with disabilities experience unconscionable delays in supports and decreased lifetime outcomes. Children with disabilities graduate at a fraction of the rate of children without disabilities, attend college at far fewer rates, and go on to experience decreased lifetime earning.

We strongly urge your support for closing the achievement gap and creating policies to fund special education at an amount that will improve rather than maintain the current unacceptable outcomes for these children. Effective interventions can alter the course of our children's futures.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Davis'.

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