

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my concerns with the dismantling of BESB. I appreciate all that BESB has done for my family and the resources that they are able to provide to make the third grade general education classroom accessible to my daughter, Elizabeth. She was born as a micro preemie and through intervention to save her life she was left legally blind in one eye and with no vision in the other. Providing services to access her curriculum are not only the right thing to do it is required by federal law through the mandates set forth by IDEA. It is my firm belief that blindness and its implications on learning is a very specialized field and requires the experience and collaboration among many professionals to provide adequate services to children who are blind. Please be mindful of these children as they navigate this world with the most feared disability today.

Preserve our teachers and our student's access to curriculum through the preservation of the Board of Education and Services for the Blind.

Sincerely,

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