

To the Connecticut Legislature,

I am a parent of a child who attends a Bridgeport charter school and I've had a horrible experience. I am a single parent is my child's first year of school and I have dealt with so many difficulties. He has been suspended nine times and has had in school suspension twenty six times. I have lost my job and am no longer attending school because of the constant phone calls I receive to pick up my child. He attends school half days now and I still receive phone calls. The school and I have been working on the behavior aspect but not the academic portion of him attending school. As I write this letter, I just received a phone call informing me that my child is in in school suspension. He attends therapy sessions, speech therapy and has had so many evaluations. It is such a stressful situation. My child is very intelligent but since the school has not been able to accommodate his needs he might be retained. All of the responsibility for my child to learn relies on me. He should be able to come home and review what he has learned in class instead of me trying to teach him. It is very difficult to teach him because he is behind in his academics. At this moment I am teaching him what the class is learning and what he has missed since the beginning of the year. As a parent I feel that the Bridgeport school system should be able to provide more support and accommodate children with special needs.

Thank you