

#117 Cutting Paraprofessional Jobs – Advocacy Needed

Dearest Advocates:

Fulton County Schools is going to be cutting over 200 paraprofessionals for children with disabilities starting next school year. As many of you know, having a good paraprofessional in the classroom or as a one-on-one assistant in the classroom can make all the difference in the world to our children's education and development. I truly believe that Fulton County is being VERY short-sighted and not seeing the true needs of our children. Today in the AJC newspaper, reporter Nancy Badertscher wrote an article about this situation and I was quoted.

If you live in Fulton County, please take a moment and write the editor at AJC newspaper letting them know that this is **WRONG**. letters@ajc.com and copying reporter Nancy: nbadertscher@ajc.com.

What upsets me even more is the quote at the end of the article from retiring School Superintendent Cindy Loe "This is the best budget I've seen since I've been here"! WOW- at the expense of our children with disabilities again?

Here is the article: <http://www.ajc.com/news/fulton-schools-cutting-special-941653.html>

We need to speak up and let our voices be heard that this is unacceptable and the money needs to be taken somewhere else! Our children need the support in the school setting in order to be successful productive members of society in the future!

Sincerely,

United – We Will Make A Difference!

Heidi J. Moore

(Proud Mother to Jacob - 11 years old with Down syndrome & Leukemia and Jared - 9 years old)

If you would like to receive Jacob Moore's updates or post a prayers, please go to:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/prayforjacobmoore> or www.teamjacob.org. To make a donation in Jacob's honor for childhood cancer research, please go to:

<http://www.active.com/donate/jumpingforjacob>. To watch Jacob's Cancer Journey video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g

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"Help The Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"

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