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Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:

I will be speaking about the Elementary Program Review in regards to the Primary Special need classes and General Learning Program. The proposed move to cut funding for special education under the guise of transitioning to an inclusive model. The board's strategic focus of Learning, Well -being, and Social Responsibility are all at risk with this approach. The core values of Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility; Community Building; Responsible Resource Use; and Leadership Development are being ignored if this model is implemented. Equity does NOT mean equality. Building a community does not have to be synonymous with inclusion. Responsible resource use does NOT mean always cutting funding. As leaders yourselves, please consider the very profound, lifelong impacts this decision will have on these vulnerable students