

To Whom it May Concern;

My daughter is Andrea who attends Mountain Secondary School.

Andrea is MID which stands for Mild Intellectual Disability. Andrea requires an EA to help her with her Academly. The EA helps Andrea by giving her step by step instructions on her school work, such as Art, Parenting, with sewing, cooking, role playing as role of a mother and child or other person learn to make T-shirts, etc. Andrea is more of a Visual Learner than a Verbal Learner. She needs to be shown and taught how to do things in order for her to understand how to do things. Andrea understands some verbal instructions, such a Math and in Art and Gym as long as its simple step by step instructions.

Andrea feels that she finally found a school that she loves, enjoys and feels that you finally fit. There are other kids who have similar learning disabilities and they understand each other, respect and listen to each other. My daughter Andrea is finally able to make friends and keep them in a non-judgmental Environment.

When to separate Regular school, she felt like an outsider, never felt like she belonged there, or didn't fit in with regular kids. The kids at her other school were very judgmental, were not opened minded to be friends with my daughter. However when they're other kids with more severe disabilities, they were treated better, like an equal.

The E.A.'s weren't as patient and kind and as understanding with my daughter as they were with other kids with special needs. She still found the work load very hard to keep up, caused her to develop Anxiety Issues and Emotional Breakdown and causing her to be sick and has missed a lot of school days because of it.

Andrea has never been happier since she started Mountain Secondary School, her attendance has improved, her marks has improved immensely. She feels like she is a part of this community, has some friends. The Teachers are understanding with Andrea and all the other kids here at Mountain Secondary.

Mountain Secondary is one of the Best best Andrea feels she has ever attended and she's extremely happy there.

Please do not close Mountain Secondary School. These kids need a place where they can fit in, belong, and can learn in a more relaxed environment [not] where they are bullied, judged, and mostly give up easily and quit school.

These kids deserve to be in a safe Environment where they can, learn at their own level, finish graduation, and get a decent job in this community. And to become a Decent, Hardworking Individual with a Promising future!!!

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A concerned Parent