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As the Parent of a medically diverse Child (my Child has an aquired brain injury from battling brain cancer, ASD, ADHD, dyscalculia & dysgraphia & is in remission from a renal carcinoma) being able to Homeschool has saved his & my own mental health & probably even his life as he was horrendously bullied in mainstream schooling & was becoming depressed & anxious. We follow his interests when learning at home which has proven to be the best way for him to retain information & really engage in learning. When he was at school & his teachers were following the Curriculum he was falling further & further behind. He went from an ICP that was 2 years behind his grade level to 4 years behind. Since we've been homeschooling he has made such an improvement not only academically but emotionally. Homeschooling under the current guidelines allows us to focus on Life skills, things he will need in the real world to become a functional member of society as well as allowing us to follow his interests & passions like Great battles in history, Ancient civilizations, weaponry, Survival skills, Cooking etc while also allowing him the time to catch up on what he was missed while in school for the last 7 years which included telling the time & basic Math & Spelling which it appeared the Public school system was happy to let him get pushed through to grade 12 without knowing. Please DO NOT jeopardize all the hard work parents of medically diverse or neurodivergent Children have put in to learning the best way to teach our Children by forcing us to adhere to a Curriculum that does not align with their learning style & has disadvantaged them in the past. Thank you.