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Dear Committee members, My name is [REDACTED], and I'm 13 years old. I am autistic, level two, I have social anxiety disorder, speech and language delays and I'm currently being assessed for ADHD and learning differences. I've been home educated since May 2023; it works wonderfully for me. I started high school in 2023 and I did not like it at all. Why? Because none of the teachers understood what I needed for learning. I was stressed all the time, the transitions were very, very difficult for me and the noise everywhere. I was struggling with every subject but especially Science and Maths.

When I started home schooling, it was hard for the first few weeks, but it became much easier, because I knew what I needed for learning. For home education, I get to investigate subjects that I like (most of the time). I used to be very afraid of Maths, but now I am ok, and I can do stuff I couldn't do in 2023, high school. I really do love writing, art, Scottish and Irish history, mythology, and food (of course). Learning in a classroom was very distracting. I couldn't even think in my own head because my classmates were way too noisy, even if they were all autistic. The teachers would just give us the worksheets and expecting us to know what to do. At home, the work is surprisingly fun to do with lots of activities and small little breaks every now and then. I do not like changes at all, -900 billion/10. What would happen if my home education program was changed? I would cry in a corner. Anyway, besides the funny jokes, I would struggle to adapt to the new changes. The program my family has made works brilliantly because they know me. (I did write this, not an adult. I'm just good at writing.) Your sincerely, [REDACTED]