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Hi there

I have a 13yo child with Level 3 ASD (diagnosed by a psychiatrist) who couldn't handle mainstream school. He was more than 3 years behind when I finally pulled him out (because at age 10 he was barely verbal and was threatening/attempting suicide if he had to go back).

Under the proposed legislation he should be doing Year 8 Math and Year 8 English and 6 other Year 8 subjects. In reality he is doing Year 6 maths because his former teachers didn't teach him any math and I'm playing catch-up. He is doing English and History at I think year 10 level. He has a 53 day streak of Mandarin on Duolingo. He has learnt how to cook basic meals and how to grow vegetables. He has learnt all about interest rates and tax deductions and political parties. He has learnt how to negotiate when it comes to buying appliances. He has ambitions to be a firefighter, and has looked into the requirements. He has special interests that he knows all about, at an adult level, including historical events. Why is that less important than learning about some other historical event chosen by a bureaucrat?

The proposed legislation will absolutely kill children like him. Please, please just stop doing this. All parents want what is best for our children. My child doesn't want or need to follow ACARA. We want him to learn the way he wants to learn and in his own areas of interest. We are trying to catch him up in maths but otherwise, please leave him alone?

The proposed changes will kill children.

Regards,

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